

Dear Friends of Brooke

We had another great sale in the Carport yesterday.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Brooke Forbes Carport sale raised \$1200 for the Legacy Fund. We had a lot of people stop by – more than our previous sales and we sold a lot of stuff. From a fax machine to an old Singer Sewing Machine to a vacuum cleaner, a TV, a bench press (which, along with a fridge, went to a young man who'd just arrived in Vancouver and was equipping his apartment), metronomes, softballs and bases, some lovely big plates, a vintage briefcase and on it goes. Not much left to take to the Sally Ann. The leftover books went to the Library.



In keeping with the spirit of Brooke who found stories to tell everywhere, here are some of the moments from the sale.

Sheila Peacock donated a charming wooden crib that her father made for her when she was a little girl. Jackie Dagg's daughter Clara spotted it, put her stuffed puppy in it, and asked if she could put her babies in it at home. Jackie couldn't resist so off the crib went. Jackie was the person at the Vancity Foundation who helped us set up the Legacy Fund.

One woman was asking about a particular book she was interested in. It was called Inside Out BC. Unbeknownst to her, she was asking the author of the book, Jack

Christie, who helped us out this year (and donated the bench press among other things). Imagine her surprise when she found out Jack wrote the book. She left with a signed copy and a smile on her face.

An older man bought a syringe that's used to flavour meat with marinade. I'd never seen such a thing before and I was asking about it. A woman who heard the conversation said that it was excellent for injecting vodka into oranges, too!

And, we were all charmed by a young girl – looked to be about 10 – who grabbed one of the children's books, sat down on the cement and read it for the 20 minutes or so her Mom was checking out the sale.

We had many repeat customers, including a neighbour who said her house is full of things she's bought at the sale. She was very pleased to walk away with a small Chinese-style jar with a brass lid and a finely crafted monkey finger puppet, among many other treasures.





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These people were here Saturday to help with the sale or the Fund. From left to right, there's Jackie and Clara, Sid Portner, Sheila Peacock, me, Jack Christie, Sid Sawyer and Jackie's son, Lewis.

We'd like to thank everyone who contributed this year, including Fraidie and Lisa Martz; Barbara Loewi and Tom Hansen; Paul Norton; Larry Cohen; Laura Palmer, Anna Bonokowski, Rosemany Allenbach and other friends and former colleagues of Brooke's at the CBC.

It's never too early to start putting things aside for next year's sale. We'll be aiming to hold it the first Saturday in June.

Cheers,

Joan