



## **BROOKE FORBES LEGACY FUND CARPORT SALE JULY 2010 UPDATE**

Dear Friends of Brooke,

We have a couple of bits of news to share with you regarding the Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund.

First, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Carport sale raised \$875 for the Fund. That puts us well over a total of \$35,000 in the Fund. It was a great day. We enjoyed some beautiful West Coast weather and many of our regular customers came out, as well as many new ones.

Every year, we have some unusual items donated and this year was no exception. Sam Martz donated boxes of his golf knick knacks. We weren't sure how they would sell, but there was always someone sorting through the boxes and many golfers went away pleased with the treasures they'd found. Mary Lou Bienefeld donated original paintings – a rare site at a garage sale. One young woman was thrilled to find them to put on the empty walls of her new home.

The most poignant story of the day was thanks to the kid's kitchen donated by Lisa Martz. A young Dad just couldn't get his son away from it. The son could barely walk, but he could certainly pretend to be frying eggs on the stove. The Dad remarked how wonderful it was to see his son playing with something that didn't require batteries! They took the kitchen home with them.

Thanks to everyone who donated and to Sid Sawyer, Syd Portner and Jack Christie for volunteering on the day. It was a wonderful time for us to remember Brooke and enjoy the many stories she would have told. And a reminder to any Friend who'll be in the Vancouver area in late May/early June in 2011 to please start putting aside your treasures for next year's sale now!

Our second bit of news is that we've decided to "move" the awarding of the annual grants to Vancouver. We've supported projects in Toronto for 4 years now and since Brooke lived in both cities, we thought we'd look for a project in Vancouver to support. If anyone has any ideas of who we might contact in Vancouver, please drop me a line.

Hope you are all enjoying spring and looking forward to your plans for the summer.

Cheers,

Joan