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**SOS Children's Gingerbread Village Presented by RE/MAX Celebrates Christmas in Vancouver**

**North Vancouver, British Columbia** The Chalet at Grouse Mountain, the Peak of Christmas, has been transformed into a magical winter wonderland this holiday season, adorned with the much anticipated 5<sup>th</sup> Annual SOS Children's Gingerbread Village. **Open daily to the general public until January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 10pm, the SOS Children's Gingerbread Village presented by RE/MAX supports SOS Children's Village B.C.'s high-demand neurofeedback therapy, counselling, educational, musical, cultural, and transition to adulthood programs for children and youth in foster care.**

The houses in the SOS Children's Gingerbread Village are true works of art and set the standard for gingerbread creations in Vancouver with their astonishing detail and creativity. Thousands upon thousands of Peak of Christmas visitors will walk through the display, leave a donation, and vote on their favourite gingerbread house during the month-long festival. **Guests are encouraged to visit Santa's mountaintop workshop from 12pm to 8pm to get their photo with Santa, with proceeds supporting SOS B.C.**

The charity is honoured to have RE/MAX return as Presenting Sponsor. "RE/MAX Agents in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley continue to be proud Presenting Sponsors of the SOS Children's Gingerbread Village at Grouse Mountain, for the 5th consecutive year," said **Bryan Furman, Chair of the RE/MAX Lower Mainland GA Committee.**

"As contributing members to the community we believe every child deserves a safe home, and SOS Children's Village B.C. works hard to fulfill these needs to ensure children in our community receive the support they deserve."

Douglas Dunn, executive director of SOS B.C., highlighted the generosity of the SOS Children's Gingerbread Village sponsors: "I would like to thank our sponsors for making this beloved annual event possible. Due to their dedication, children who visit Grouse Mountain this December will leave with memories to cherish for a lifetime. It's heartwarming to see so many people supporting foster children and youth who are struggling through a month that should be filled with joy, not sadness."

Over \$600,000 has been raised through the years from SOS B.C.'s annual Christmas event. More information about Vancouver's preeminent spectacle of holiday magic is available at [www.sosbc.org/poc](http://www.sosbc.org/poc).

**About SOS Children's Village BC**

SOS Children's Villages is the world's largest non-governmental, non-denominational child development organization for fostered, orphaned, and abandoned children. It has existed for over 65 years with presence in 134 countries and 572 Villages. British Columbia is home to the only SOS Children's Village in Canada. SOS Children's Village BC provides homes, a supportive community, and programs to help foster children and youth in need grow into caring, self-reliant adults.

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