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**A GP for Me announces prize winners**

**Chilliwack, BC-** The Chilliwack Division of Family Practice, a non-profit society that represents physicians in Chilliwack, Agassiz-Harrison, Seabird Island and Hope, recently held a prize draw for those who participating in the GP for Me community survey. The purpose of the survey was to find out how you access primary health care in your community. Speaking of the initiative behind the survey, Katrina Bepple, Project Manager for A GP for Me says “The survey will be followed by community forums where we will share what we have found with the communities. Results from this community survey will be used to identify and address gaps in access to primary healthcare.”

The winners were drawn from a pool of community survey participants and prizes were awarded courtesy of Manning Park Resort, Cheam Source for Sports and local recreation centres in Chilliwack. The lucky winner of the Grand Prize is Stan Nickel, from Chilliwack. He has won the enticingly titled Winter Wonderland package from Manning Park Resort. With two days of skiing, two nights’ accommodation, and a gift certificate worth \$100, the cash value of this grand prize is a whopping \$378. If not the Winter Wonderland, Nickel can opt for the Summer Sizzler which includes two-night accommodation for two along with a one-day canoe rental and a deluxe picnic. Also coming with a \$100 gift certificate, this package is worth \$310. A close second prize was \$250 gift certificate to Cheam Source for Sports, awarded to Gary Strahl. Last but definitely not least, the third prize winner, Violet Armstrong, from Chilliwack, receives \$100 worth of passes for the recreation centre of her choice.

Conducted as part of the Planning and Assessment phase of the A GP for Me initiative, the community survey complements a survey that was conducted with family doctors. A GP for Me is a collaboration between the Doctors of BC, Ministry of Health and the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice, and is designed to improve the family physician-patient relationship and to better meet the needs of unattached patients. Making sure that patients can access quality primary health care is what the initiative hopes to achieve. Collaborating with community partners is central to this initiative, as is working with various individuals and organizations locally to ensure that different perspectives are acknowledged. To encourage dialogue and debate about the project, the Division is hosting a press conference at the UFV campus on February 14<sup>th</sup>, which will be followed by a community forum on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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