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## VANCOUVER AQUARIUM'S ANNUAL DREAMNIGHT OFFERS MAGICAL EVENING FOR BRAVE YOUNG PATIENTS

**Vancouver, B.C.** – Yesterday, the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre stayed open late for a very special group of close to 500 brave children with chronic and serious life-threatening illnesses and their families for the annual tradition of Dreamnight.

“The Vancouver Aquarium offers a unique opportunity to connect with 50,000 sea creatures. Each year, staff and volunteers look forward to Dreamnight; they donate their time to offer courageous children and their families an unforgettable evening in an amazing setting,” says Dr. John Nightingale, president and CEO of the Vancouver Aquarium.

Dreamnight at the Vancouver Aquarium is a memorable evening for patients and their families. The evening was filled with smiles and laughter. *Bobs and LoLo* joined the party and offered live entertainment. *Graham the Magic Guy* worked his magic performing unique magic tricks. Children enjoyed watching the beluga, sea lion and dolphin shows, interacting with touch pools filled with intriguing creatures, enjoying a special screening of the 4D movie experience, and being entertained by many mascot friends including *Bee Bop*, *Fin*, *Leo the Lion*, and *Bob the Brown Bear*.

This year, Dreamnight was dedicated to patients from BC Children's Hospital, Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children, Starlight Children's Foundation Canada, Canuck Place Children's Hospice, Make-A-Wish Foundation of BC & Yukon, Children's Wish Foundation, Variety - The Children's Charity, Sunshine Foundation Dreams for Kids, and Children's Heart Network.

A special thank you to our presenting sponsor, Spence Diamonds, and to our supporting sponsors, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada, Limelight Food of Canada, and Coca-Cola Canada. Photography for the event was provided by Ophelia Photography.

### **Vancouver Aquarium**

The Vancouver Aquarium is a non-profit society dedicated to the conservation of aquatic life.

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