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Daycare Society

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Children's Circle Childcare Centre Announces Potential Expansion to Address Critical Childcare Shortage in Kamloops

Kamloops, BC - [Date] – Children's Circle Daycare Society, in partnership with the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation (RIHF), is proud to announce intention to pursue an expansion project aimed at addressing the urgent need for childcare in Kamloops. As one of the fastest-growing communities in Canada, Kamloops faces a critical shortage of accessible, high-quality childcare—particularly for healthcare professionals at Royal Inland Hospital and across the Interior Health region. This need is underscored by Children's Circle's 800-name waitlist, demonstrating the overwhelming demand from local families. The proposed expansion, which would develop the lot adjacent to the existing Children's Circle Phase 1 facility at 1500 9th Avenue, seeks to substantially increase the availability of childcare spaces in the city for both healthcare professionals and the broader community. This project reflects the innovative and collaborative efforts of the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation, who recognize the essential role of quality childcare not only as a foundation to ensuring healthcare professionals are able to provide essential care, but also as a critical tool for recruiting and retaining additional healthcare professionals for Kamloops.

“Access to quality childcare is essential for our healthcare professionals, who play a vital role in maintaining the health and well-being of our community,” said Heidi Coleman, CEO at the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation. “This expansion is not just about providing more childcare spaces; it's about ensuring that our healthcare professionals have the support they need to continue delivering critical services to the people of Kamloops, and to attract more doctors, nurses and other professionals that we so desperately need.”

As a first step in facilitating and developing expansion plans, a rezoning application is in progress for the proposed property location at 1510 9th Ave. Successfully rezoning the property will pave the way for detailed development plans to be created and shared throughout the community. During this process, Children's Circle remains committed to working with its neighbors, particularly the Sagebrush Neighbourhood Association, to address concerns related to traffic and the impact on the local community. We understand that growth can bring challenges, but we believe that through open dialogue and collaboration, we can find solutions that benefit everyone.

About Children's Circle Childcare Centre:

Children's Circle Childcare Centre is a leading provider of early childhood education in Kamloops, dedicated to offering high-quality, child-centered care informed by the BC Early Learning Framework. With a strong commitment to community, inclusivity, and the development of young minds, Children's Circle serves as a cornerstone for families and their children in the Kamloops area.



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About the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation:

Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) Foundation was incorporated in 1983. Its mission is to inspire donors to give, and to build meaningful relationships to support the hospital and the community's healthcare needs. The Foundation supports this mission through a variety of community fundraising activities including special events, legacy giving and charitable gifts from individuals, corporations and other charitable funding partners. Located in Kamloops, RIH is the only tertiary acute care hospital in the Thompson Cariboo Shuswap area, providing high-level, specialty medical care. It serves a catchment area of approximately 250,000 British Columbians. RIH is also an important training centre, including nursing students from Thompson Rivers University, pharmacy residents, and medical students from the University of British Columbia.