

Variety Cares Community Alert

Winter 2024

An exclusive update for you & other committed individuals who provide kids with the long-lasting support they need every single day



Heartfelt Gratitude from Variety BC

Thank you for the incredible support and kindness you have shown to kids with complex healthcare needs and disabilities across BC. Monthly donors like you in the Variety Cares Community are our crucial partners, enabling us to provide essential services, therapeutic resources, and life-changing medical and mobility equipment to kids who need extra support. We are blessed to have you along our journey to say **"Yes!"** to more kids all year round and ensure that all children across the province have the brightest possible future.



Gloriyanna's Story

By 18 months old, Gloriyanna had not spoken a word. Concerned, her parents talked to their pediatrician, who recommended an autism assessment. Unfortunately, there was over a two-year wait for a public autism assessment, and a private assessment would cost \$3,000+. Through Variety, Gloriyanna received an autism assessment grant and now she has access to essential resources to help improve the trajectory of her life.

"My wife and I are blessed to have this grant and we are forever grateful to know a helpful and respectful charity like Variety exists. Thank you for all your support!"

Christo, Gloriyanna's Dad, Gibsons



Scan the QR code or watch Gloriyanna's story [here](#).

Update: Isaac is thriving!

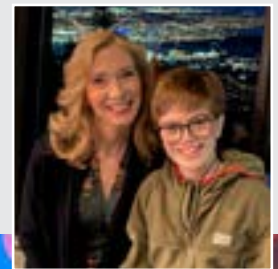
You've made a difference in Isaac's life! 13-year-old Isaac appeared at Ted Talk in 2023, sharing his story with a large audience. When Isaac was a young child, his mental health took a hit after experiencing trauma from a school bully. After connecting with Variety, he received funding for specialized therapies including music therapy and somatic therapy. He is making great progress in gaining self-confidence and coping with his anxiety and stress.

"Variety has given Isaac the confidence, courage, and strength to keep trying and they've given me incredible peace of mind. We couldn't be more grateful. Thank you!"

Sharon, Isaac's Mom, Victoria



Scan the QR code or watch Isaac's latest update [here](#).



Welcome to the Variety Cares Community!

Because of monthly donors like you, we can ensure every child has the support team they need to thrive.

We cannot thank you all enough to help make the impossible possible for these families. A special acknowledgment for those who increased their monthly commitment in FY2023 and those who made an additional gift during Variety Week. For those who newly joined the Variety Cares Community in this fiscal year,

Welcome to this amazing family!

163

Members increased monthly commitment

138

Members made an additional donation

117

New members welcomed

Messages from the Heart



"As a foster parent with a child who has complex health needs, I have overcome many life challenges and I hope the same can happen for other families who are now struggling to provide the chance for their kids to thrive. I understand what these parents are going through. A special medication for my child costs hundreds of dollars per bottle. It is not something everyone can afford on a regular basis. I want to take the opportunity to show my appreciation to those who have helped my family before. Therefore, I decided to become a monthly donor this year so that I can be part of this community to provide ongoing support for our kids."

Vincenzo Milillo, VCC Member since 2023

Thank you, Vincenzo for sharing your heartfelt messages with this community. The Messages from the Heart column offers our Variety Cares Community members an opportunity to share inspiring messages and stories with one another. If you have a message or story you'd like to share, please email kitty.au@variety.bc.ca.

Save the Date for Show of Hearts!

The 58th Annual Variety Show of Hearts Telethon is returning to Global BC on Sunday, February 25. Treat yourself and your friends with stories of hope, courage, and resilience from children who Variety has helped in 2023. **SAVE THE DATE NOW** and refer your family, friends and colleagues to join the Variety Cares Community. **Any monthly donation upgrade and all new monthly giving will be matched for one year by an anonymous monthly donor, up to \$20,000.**

Your 2023 tax receipt is ready

By the end of January each year, Variety will send you a tax receipt for the previous year's annual donations and we will also keep you posted with Variety's latest news via this newsletter. If you have changed your contact information or have any questions about your tax receipts, please call 1.800.381.2040 or email donorservices@variety.bc.ca.

If you have requested your tax receipt emailed, please look for the electronic tax document from donorservices@variety.bc.ca scheduled to be sent on Thursday, January 18. If you don't find it in your inbox, kindly check your spam or junk folder, and be sure to add donorservices@variety.bc.ca to your address book for future emails.

On behalf of our entire team at Variety BC and all of our families, thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts for your compassion and your commitment to ensuring BC's kids can live a life without limits. If you have any feedback for us please reach out, until then ... we look forward to connecting with you!



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