

February 22nd, 2010

Dear Association members and families living
with Prader-Willi Syndrome in British Columbia:

Thank you for remaining involved in the B.C. Prader-Willi Syndrome Association.

The B.C. P.W.S.A. is working to provide information and create a connected community of affected people. Our goals are education, advocacy and support.

Our association welcomes its new president, Heather Beach. Heather lives in Vancouver with her husband Jeff and their 3 _ year old son, Silas. When Silas was born, in 2006, Heather became passionate about learning everything she could about this unheard of syndrome. She has been an active BCPWSA member since Silas' birth, has attended medical conferences and represented the BCPWSA at the Canadian Paediatric Endocrinology Group meeting in 2009. She is an advocate for the use of growth hormone and has high hopes for a positive future for her son and all those living with Prader-Willi Syndrome.

For the 2010 year the BCPWSA will be having one conference, two meetings and our annual summer gathering. Our focus this year will include fundraising and developing a partnership with the national organization, Foundation for Prader-Willi Research-Canada.

At our provincial conference, we aim to provide informative speakers and educational workshops to assist families living with Prader-Willi Syndrome. At the 2010 spring meeting, we will decide the program for the fall conference. We will also discuss conference child care support for infants and toddlers and our teens and young adults group sessions. For members in good standing, we are able again this year to offer our summer camp bursary for children with PWS aged 8-16 years. We hope to continue to be a positive support for our families living with Prader-Willi Syndrome . If you have any items to add to our Spring Meeting Agenda, please contact me with your ideas.

The B.C.P.W.S.A. has a web site with information applicable for B.C. residents. Past B.C.P.W.S.A. newsletters, conference information and camp bursary applications can be found on this site. You can access the website at: www.bcpwsa.com Please visit our WEB site for the minutes from the fall 2009 meeting and more detailed information about the past and upcoming events for the B.C.P.W.S.A.

We now invite you to attend our B.C.P.W.S.A. Spring Meeting. The meeting will take place on **Saturday, March 27th 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The location is at: Cariboo Heights Co-op in Burnaby, BC. Directions enclosed. Please confirm your attendance by email or mail by March 21st, 2010. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

All the best!

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You are currently a member in good standing. If you choose to attend the fall conference, costs will be complimentary. Tentative date is: October 23rd, 2010. Thank you for your continued support and involvement with the BCPWSA.

You are not currently a member of the BCPWSA. 2010 membership cost is \$25 per family.

BCPWSA Meeting

Saturday, March 27th 2010

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Directions:

Thank you to Cindy Thompson for organizing this meeting location.

Cariboo Heights Co-op.

7251 Cariboo Drive, Burnaby, BC.

There are signs for visitor parking once you enter the co-op to the right and left and if that is full for any reason there is more parking on Cariboo Drive (all free). We are off exit 3, off the #1. The common room is right near the parking.

The British Columbia Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (BCPWSA) has a strong, supportive, knowledgeable group of family members who want to make a difference in the life of their child living with PWS. The organization is dedicated to the sharing of experiences in how to cope with the syndrome. We are available for support, education and advocacy.



BCPWSA SPRING MEETING SATURDAY MARCH 27th, 2010

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE:

Names: _____

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Please email the above information to cherylgagne@shaw.ca or send this confirmation form to:

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