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

**Happy 2009!**

**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.

The BC Prader-Willi Syndrome Association provides two annual conferences and a summer social gathering for members and their families. Both the spring and the fall conferences brought together over 50 people interested in or living with Prader-Willi Syndrome. For the first time, in the fall of 2008, the association provided a mini-conference for adults living with PWS and a childcare service for the infants and toddlers with PWS. In 2009, we are pleased to have an allocation set aside for assisting our members in sending their children with Prader-Willi Syndrome to summer camp. As an association, we aim to provide informative speakers and educational workshops to assist families living with Prader-Willi Syndrome. We hope to continue to be a positive support for our families living with Prader-Willi Syndrome.

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 or conference information can be found on this site. You can access the website at: [www.bcpwsa.com](http://www.bcpwsa.com) Please visit our WEB site for the minutes from the fall 2008 meeting where you will find more detailed information about the 2008 events for the B.C.P.W.S.A.

We now invite you to our B.C.P.W.S.A. Spring Conference. The conference will take place on **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Century Plaza Hotel & Spa in Vancouver, B.C.** The address and directions to the hotel can be found on their website:

[www.century-plaza.com](http://www.century-plaza.com)

The information for the conference is on the attached registration form.

Thank you!

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*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.*