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PROVINCE PROCLAIMS OCTOBER AS COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH

VICTORIA – The Province, Community Living BC and the BC Association for Community Living are supporting inclusiveness for people with developmental disabilities in their communities by proclaiming October 2008 as Community Living Month.

Community Living Month celebrates the achievements of people with developmental disabilities, including independent living, workplace accomplishments and community and social participation. Community Living Month recognizes the hard work of individuals, families and community members to create inclusive communities and opportunities for all British Columbians with developmental disabilities.

Through numerous events during the month of October, the BC Association for Community Living is encouraging local organizations to celebrate Community Living Month. The Province and Community Living BC (CLBC) are teaming up to host events in local community offices to spread awareness about the achievements of people with developmental disabilities.

CLBC provides services to adults with developmental disabilities across the province, enabling them to live closer to friends and families and achieve their goals both socially and professionally. In July, CLBC and the Province awarded contracts worth \$1.1 million to community service providers to deliver customized employment services to adults with developmental disabilities – another step to help all British Columbians take part in the province’s workforce.

This program is part of the Province’s \$4.3-billion system of support for people with disabilities and the government’s Disability Strategy to make B.C. a leader in Canada, as a place where all British Columbians with disabilities receive the supports and services they need.

More information on the BC Association for Community Living’s community events can be found on their website at www.bcacl.org.

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