

The Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia

“Knowledge Centre for CP”

For Immediate Release:

FRAUD ARTISTS IMPERIL FUNDING FOR CEREBRAL PALSY

The Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia is speaking out about people who fraudulently ask for donations throughout the Lower Mainland, representing themselves as fund-raisers for the Association. They are going door to door, asking for money in malls and using telemarketing programs to obtain money.

In addition to being an inconvenience to the public, their tactics seriously harm the reputation of the Cerebral Palsy Association and its ability to raise funds for adults and children who are living with cerebral palsy, and for those providing care for them.

The CPABC never solicits donations over the telephone or door to door. As members of the Better Business Bureau, it reminds the Lower Mainland's citizens to always:

- Ask all fund-raisers for identification
- Inquire how much of the donation actually goes to the charity
- Check whether a charity is registered by telephoning Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, toll free, at 1-800-267-2384.
- Refuse to donate over the phone or at the door. Always ask the soliciting organization to mail its information package to you.
- Contact following organizations for further assistance or suggestions:
 1. BC Crime Prevention Association at (604) 529-1552 or info@bcccpa.org
 2. National Fraud Information Centre at 1-800-876-7060
 3. Project Phonebusters at 1-888-495-8501

Please note that the CPABC does not want to turn away anyone who has Cerebral Palsy and is legitimately seeking help. If you think you have encountered someone with CP please ask the individual to contact us directly for individual support services.

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