

Planet Smile for Kids Society Fundraiser Luncheon (September 28, 2019)

Planet Smile for Kids Society hosted its first Fundraiser September 28, 2019 in Vancouver. The fundraiser was held at a Vietnamese restaurant, House Special, in downtown Vancouver where the staff and owners created the perfect atmosphere filled with delicious Vietnamese cuisine.

Being the Society's first fundraiser, the goal was to not only bring awareness to the Society but in particular, raise money for one of the hospitals it works with, the National Hospital for Odontostomatology in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Planet Smile for Kids hope was to raise enough money to supply specialized feeding bottles for the babies; as well as acquire enough funding to provide the hospital with proper audiological testing equipment.



Among the attendees were members from our sponsors, WestCoast International Dental Clinic, Just for Canadian Doctors and Just for Canadian Dentists. Attendees also included members from the UBC Faculty of Dentistry, BC Children's Hospital and our own Planet Smile for Kids Society. Linh Huynh, our Director of Fundraising and Community Awareness, welcomed everyone to the fundraiser and introduced our speakers, Dr. Sandra Fastlicht (Member, Board of Directors) and Kristina Bingham (Advisory Committee, Audiologist). Thai-Hoa Le, an actor and singer, engaged the attendees by singing traditional Vietnamese songs.

The fundraising goal of 12,000 dollars was exceeded thanks to our generous donors and supporters who raised a total of 18,171.02 dollars. All the money raised from ticket sales, silent auction items and one hundred percent of all donations are going directly to the cause.

A team from Planet Smile for Kids Society is currently traveling to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam to share this good news and continue their mission of working together with health care professionals by providing access to the best treatment for craniofacial anomalies.

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