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FATHERS DAY IN THE PARK CELEBRATION
FEATURES MUSICAL PERFORMANCES AND FAMILY FUN

Nanaimo, BC – June 2, 2008. The Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre is presenting its' 5th annual Father's Day in the Park Celebration on Sunday, June 15th at Nanaimo's Muffeo Sutton Park. This event celebrates the importance of fathering for families and children. Family entertainment will feature musical performances, Aunti Bobbi the clown, balloon sculpture, face painting, Frisbees, family games and a tepee for kids of all ages.

Musicians Shane Philips, the Back 40 Boys and Voodoo Dave will perform on the Lion's Pavilion Stage. Shane Philips will sing and accompany himself on guitar, drums and didgeridoo. Borrowing from Folk, Reggae, Blues and beyond, he blurs the boundaries of expectation and music into an altogether unique soundscape.

The Back 40 Boys are a straight up, Bluegrass Trio. The group was formed by George Sloane who plays mandolin. The two other members of the group are Ian Stewart on guitar and Mark Chewter on bass.

Voodoo Dave will provide an opening performance of drumming with audience participation. His focus is on African, Middle Eastern and Latin percussion. Dave's passion is moving people emotionally, physically, and spiritually through the power of the drum.

Families will also enjoy a barbeque, refreshments and an Honouring Dad's Ceremony. The Fathers Day Celebration will run from 2pm until 6pm at Muffeo Sutton Park on Sunday June 15th. The event is sponsored by the Parent's Coalition of British Columbia, and the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre. For more information go to: www.parentsworthocare.ca or www.nanaimomen.com .

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***NOTE: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS REGARDING THIS EVENT**

The Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre is a non-profit organization offering support, referral and educational services to men and their families. The centre promotes community awareness of men's needs and provides programs for individuals and groups. Information and programs are available for divorce and separation, domestic violence, anger management, legal support, family maintenance, parental alienation, family maintenance and personal growth.

For more information about these services at the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre call 250-716-1551 or log on to their website at www.nanaimomen.com

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