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Kiwanis Pavilion Opens Doors to Victoria Community for Garden Party

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Victoria-. While summer in Victoria is a time for rest and nature, it is also a time to celebrate life and community. The Oak Bay Kiwanis Pavilion (OBKP) will be hosting a Summer Garden Party on August 15 and is inviting the Greater Victoria community to its celebration.

The by-donation event will be held at the home of the Pavilion, 3034 Cedar Hill Road and is open to all. "We are hosting a special day that includes auctions, food, games, live entertainment and a celebration of summer in a spectacular garden background", says Brian Beckett, Chair of the OBKP Foundation. The event will also increase awareness of Pavilion programs that help complex care seniors and their families.

The Oak Bay Kiwanis Pavilion is a 122-bed complex care facility in Victoria; having celebrated 25 years of community service in 2007. Its mission is to provide high quality care for residents with dementia and complex health needs in a friendly, home-like environment.

The Pavilion has become a BC leader in complex care. This past year, the Foundation has launched a blog that includes articles and studies on helping friends and families of people with cognitive delay diseases better understand the effects of the illnesses and to provide coping mechanisms. It has attracted the attention of dementia experts from around the world, In fact, the cover of the January 2010 edition of *Alzheimer's: the Canadian Review* featured the artwork of one of its residents and promote the work of the Oak Bay Pavilion's Art Therapy programs.

The Kiwanis Pavilion is owned and operated by the Kiwanis Club of Oak Bay through the Oak Bay Kiwanis Health Care Society. Since its launch in 1982 as a seniors care facility, the role of the Pavilion has changed considerably. It has adapted and grown with the challenge of caring for seniors with dementia, surrounding them with understanding and love.

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