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Smythe Ratcliffe's Creative Fundraising and Client Generosity Raise \$24,000 for Children's Charities

Vancouver BC, June 26, 2008 – Last Friday was a perfect day for employees of local accounting firm Smythe Ratcliffe LLP at the 10th annual TD Dunk Tank Event. By the end of a sunny afternoon at the Vancouver Art Gallery the firm had one soggy accountant, lots of smiles and \$24,000 for Canuck Place Children's Hospice and Ronald McDonald House. The record-breaking donation was the result of weeks of fundraising, culminating in a silent auction held the previous week and an afternoon of dunking for the firm's good-natured Partner Kevin Nishi.

Smythe Ratcliffe, with help from charitable clients and energetic employees, collected over \$24, 000 for the two children's charities - more than doubling the previous year's record of \$11,000. The firm also secured the top spot for financial contributions by a company other than event organizer, TD Bank.

Renee Martin, Senior Manager and co-chair of Smythe Ratcliffe's fundraising team, attributes this year's incredible contribution to the creative fundraising of Smythe Ratcliffe's employees and the firm's generous clients. "Everyone exceeded our expectations this year to bring in a phenomenal amount of money for Canuck Place and Ronald McDonald House," Martin said. "Clients, friends and employees rallied for the cause, bringing generous donations of prizes, gift certificates and merchandise to our silent auction prior to the Dunk."

TD Bank Dunk Tank Event Co-Chair David Yan says, "Having firms like Smythe Ratcliffe contribute to this event enables us to deliver a greater donation to Canuck Place and Ronald McDonald House. We are greatly appreciative of the hard work that goes into the firm's fundraising initiatives." Great weather, terrific costumes and a very charitable crowd contributed to record breaking fundraising of close to \$200,000. Since 1999, the TD Bank Dunk Tank Event has raised just over \$800,000 for charities.

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