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### **VANCOUVER ARTOPIA YOUTH SOCIETY – KIDS HELPING KIDS BY DONATING ARTWORK AND RAISING \$10,000 FOR RICHMOND HOSPITAL'S NICU.**



Vancouver Artopia Youth Society (from left to right) Frank Gao, Katya Gao, Winnie Wang, Chun Dong, (from right to left) and Eric Xue and Eileen Yin present Spencer Gall, Development Manager, Richmond Hospital Foundation (third from right); with their generous donation.

The Vancouver Artopia Youth Society inspires children through creativity. This year, they also decided to teach young artists about giving back to their community. Elementary and high school students were encouraged to donate their creations to raise funds for Richmond Hospital Foundation. More than 150 paintings, drawings, photography and calligraphy were collected and on April 28, the pieces were auctioned at the Art Works Charity Art Exhibition.

The event raised \$10,000 in support of Richmond Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Everyone at the society agreed that encouraging children to donate toward newborn health is an excellent opportunity to educate youth about the importance of caring for future leaders.

The inaugural event was such a success, The Vancouver Artopia Youth Society hopes to do the art exhibition and auction annually.

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