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Racers Saving Lives for Richmond Hospital!

Richmond, BC-Richmond Go-Karts is hosting the second annual **Race for Life** fundraiser in support of the Richmond Hospital Foundation. This fun-filled, family event is taking place on Sunday, May 29th and will offer participants unlimited go-kart racing, traditional carnival food and activities such as face-painting, balloon artistry, box hockey and an old fashioned dunk tank.

Richmond Go-Karts owner, Tony Pappajohn says, "People of all ages enjoy the racing and entertainment that this annual event offers and 100% of the proceeds are donated to the Operating Room Campaign of the Richmond Hospital Foundation. As a long time business owner in Richmond, this is a great way to give back to our community."

The Richmond Hospital Foundation organizes various fundraising events throughout the year, however, **Race for Life** is unique as it is especially focused on children and families coming together to contribute to the current hospital campaign. Raising funds for sophisticated technology such as fiber-optic flashlights, telescopic instruments with tiny video cameras and high definition monitors will result in big benefits for more patients.

Richmond Hospital Foundation's Chair, Bill Jaffe, says, "This family event helps to support the funding of the Richmond Hospital Foundation to provide vital medical equipment and make a difference in the lives of others within the community".

Race for Life will be held on Sunday, May 29th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Richmond Go-Karts on Sidaway Road in Richmond. Tickets for the event are \$30 each or \$100 for a family of four. Visit www.richmondhospitalfoundation.com or call 604-244-5252 to purchase tickets. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the \$1.5 million Operating Room Campaign of the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

Richmond Hospital Foundation is a registered charity that is committed to raising money to fill the gap between government funding and the greater needs of our hospital. Over 85% of new and replacement medical equipment of Richmond Hospital is funded by the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

Richmond Go-Karts is a family-owned business located at 6631 Sidaway Road in Richmond, BC. It is one of the top outdoor go-kart facilities in Western Canada with 1/2 mile of thrilling curves, hairpins, and straightaways. Racing-style go-karts are available in one or two seater models. Please visit www.richmondgokarts.com for more information.

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