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**Energy Savings B.C. Helps Warm Hearts and Homes in Greater Vancouver**  
Natural gas retailer donates \$5,000 to Family Services of Greater Vancouver

**Vancouver, B.C.** – Energy Savings B.C. (ESBC) made a donation today to Family Services of Greater Vancouver's Emergency Fund to help families requiring assistance cover the cost of increased heating bills this winter.

"At Energy Savings B.C., we are committed to supporting our customers' communities," said Ken Hartwick, Co-CEO and President for ESBC. "As a leading natural gas marketer, we provide our customers with peace of mind and the means for enjoying a warm and comfortable home environment. Providing support to families in the community who need a little extra help in covering the cost of heating their homes is a natural extension of that service and we are very pleased to be able to assist."

ESBC presented the \$5,000 cheque to Family Services of Greater Vancouver during a small presentation ceremony today. The money will go to the organizations Emergency Fund and will be used to help families who require assistance to pay for various services including their heating bills.

"We truly appreciate the generosity shown by ESBC," says Teri Nicholas, Executive Director for Family Services of Greater Vancouver. "Many of those struggling with social problems often have accompanying financial challenges. This donation provides peace-of-mind, while they work to resolve life issues."

Providing natural gas choice to consumers since 2004, ESBC was one of the first companies in B.C. to provide residential and small commercial customers with an alternative when choosing their natural gas supplier.

ESBC is a subsidiary of the Energy Savings Income Fund (SIF.UN - TSX) and a part of the Energy Savings Group; one of the largest energy retailers in North America with 1.7 residential customer equivalents. The company and its Canadian affiliates currently provide commercial and residential products in Ontario, Alberta, and Manitoba and B.C. and Quebec. With 550 employees and over 600 independent sales representatives, the Energy Savings Group operates local regional offices in the areas it conducts its business. For more information please visit, [www.esbc.ca](http://www.esbc.ca).

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