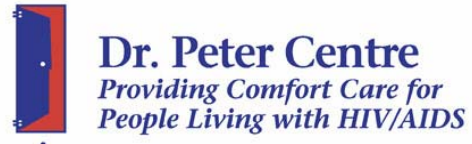


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## **Dr. Peter Centre Honoured by Three Nominations and an Award at AccolAIDS**

**Vancouver, BC** – The Dr. Peter Centre took centre stage at Sunday’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual AccolAIDS Awards Gala, an event honouring achievements of organizations, businesses, groups and individuals that have taken action in response to AIDS in British Columbia and those affected by the disease. Local foodie Nathan Fong won in the Philanthropy category for his three years of work on Passions, an annual culinary event benefiting the Dr. Peter Centre, Canada’s only day health program and 24-hour care residence for people living with HIV/AIDS.

The Dr. Peter Centre was featured in two other AccolAIDS nominations. In the Media category, CBC Television was nominated for ‘Dr. Peter Diaries’, the 111 episode Academy Award nominated documentary of Dr. Peter Jepson-Young’s journey living with HIV/AIDS. And Dr. Peter Centre therapies coordinator Dianne Simpson was nominated in the Unsung Hero category. This adds to the Centre’s 2004 AccolAIDS award for Innovative Programs.

“To have such a strong presence at this year’s AccolAIDS was a great honour, especially given this year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation,” states Maxine Davis, Executive Director at Dr. Peter Centre. “Nathan so deserves an award for the brilliant job he’s done orchestrating Passions. And to have the CBC and our own Dianne Simpson recognized as well is outstanding. The work these people do not only helps us continue the mission of caring for those with HIV/AIDS, it changes peoples’ lives.”

The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation began in 1992 with just \$35,000 and Dr. Peter Jepson-Young’s compassionate instruction to provide ‘comfort care’ for people with HIV/AIDS. He died of AIDS that same year.

Today, the Dr. Peter Centre is regarded as a leader in HIV/AIDS care, particularly for people with multiple illnesses, disabilities, poverty and other life disadvantages. The Centre provides full access to health care, nutrition, counseling, recreational and complementary therapies with 23,000 annual visits to its day health program.

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