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### **Donation to YWCA Beatrice House proves to be kids play**

Children at YWCA's Beatrice House will be bouncing, sliding and climbing off the walls in a new way when the next heat wave, rainstorm or cold alert comes thanks to Orca Coast Playground who generously donated two new indoor play structures.

"We are grateful for this equipment. The play structures have brought countless smiles, and shrieks of excitement. It is wonderful when we can witness the impact of a donation immediately on the faces of children. Not only will it make their time indoors more fun, but the toddlers and preschoolers at YWCA Beatrice House will benefit from more opportunities to improve their gross motor skills," said Heather McGregor, YWCA CEO.

"Our business is making kids and parents happy and it has never felt better than it has with this YWCA donation. All children from all walks of life deserve a cool place to let loose, be free and be kids in a safe and secure environment. That's one of the many wonderful things that the YWCA is about, and that is what Orca is about. The result has been delightful and extremely rewarding thanks to all the smiles on the kids faces and the beautiful thank you cards we received; we definitely look forward to future donations!," stated Bill Dunbar and Reynaldo Estanislao, Directors of Orca Coast Playground.

YWCA Beatrice House is an innovative program that integrates an Early Childhood Development Centre within a residential setting for women and children who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Twenty seven mothers and their children make their home in this transitional housing facility and over 66 children from the surrounding community and Beatrice House play and learn at the centre.

Orca Coast Playground is a Canadian company at the forefront of design with their original and themed, custom commercial play systems. Over 15 million children pass through their various playground structures every year, and they still have the industry's leading safety record. Located in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Orca is a family founded business that was started to improve the quality and well being of play in the industry today.

YWCA Toronto is the city's trusted multiservice organization by, for and about women and girls. For over 136 years, YWCA has helped women achieve equality, economic independence and lives free from violence in our four program areas: housing and support, employment and skills development, girls' and family programs, and advocacy. Last year we served over 26,000 people in our 40 plus programs across the city.

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