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North Vancouver, BC (November 9, 2015) – The North Shore Schizophrenia Society has been selected as the designated charity for the 9th Annual North Shore Mayors' Golf Tournament. The first \$50,000 raised through the tournament will be donated to assist in addressing community issues through mental health education. This will include peer delivered family education and teacher training, Farsi speaking family education and a business and community education project.

For over 30 years, the NSSS has been working with families of those with mental illness to help produce better outcomes for their ill loved ones. Programs include one-on-one support, crisis support, regular monthly support group, peer-to-peer education course and a school program aimed at early intervention. These programs cover all serious mental illnesses, including bipolar disorder, major depression, anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorders, schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder.

NSSS Executive Director, Nancy Ford stated, *"Mental illness does not solely affect the person with the illness, it impacts the entire family, as well as the community. This includes businesses, RCMP and the West Vancouver Police Department, hospitals, mental health services and housing. Through community education, mental illness is humanized, seen through the lens of compassion and appreciation, and recognized as an illness not a behaviour nor a product of family dysfunction."*

The North Shore Mayors' Golf Tournament is a collaboration of the three North Shore Mayors and is organized by the North Shore Community Foundation and the West Vancouver Community Foundation. To date, the tournament has raised over \$900,000 to benefit charitable organizations on the North Shore. The 9th Annual North Shore Mayors' Golf Tournament will be held on Friday May 27th, 2016 at Seymour Golf & Country Club, North Vancouver, BC.



Mayor Michael Smith,
District of West Vancouver



Mayor Darrell Mussatto,
City of North Vancouver



Mayor Richard Walton
District of North Vancouver

About the [North Shore Community Foundation](#)

Established in 1988, the North Shore Community Foundation serves the geographic areas of North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Bowen Island and Lions Bay. The Foundation was created in response to community needs and supports community projects and scholarships throughout the North Shore.

About the [West Vancouver Community Foundation](#)

The West Vancouver Community Foundation is a reflection of the great value that individuals, families and businesses place on West Vancouver, its heritage, its people and its communities. Since its inception in 1979, donors have helped create a charitable endowment that supports non-profit organizations, community projects and scholarships, today and into the future.

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