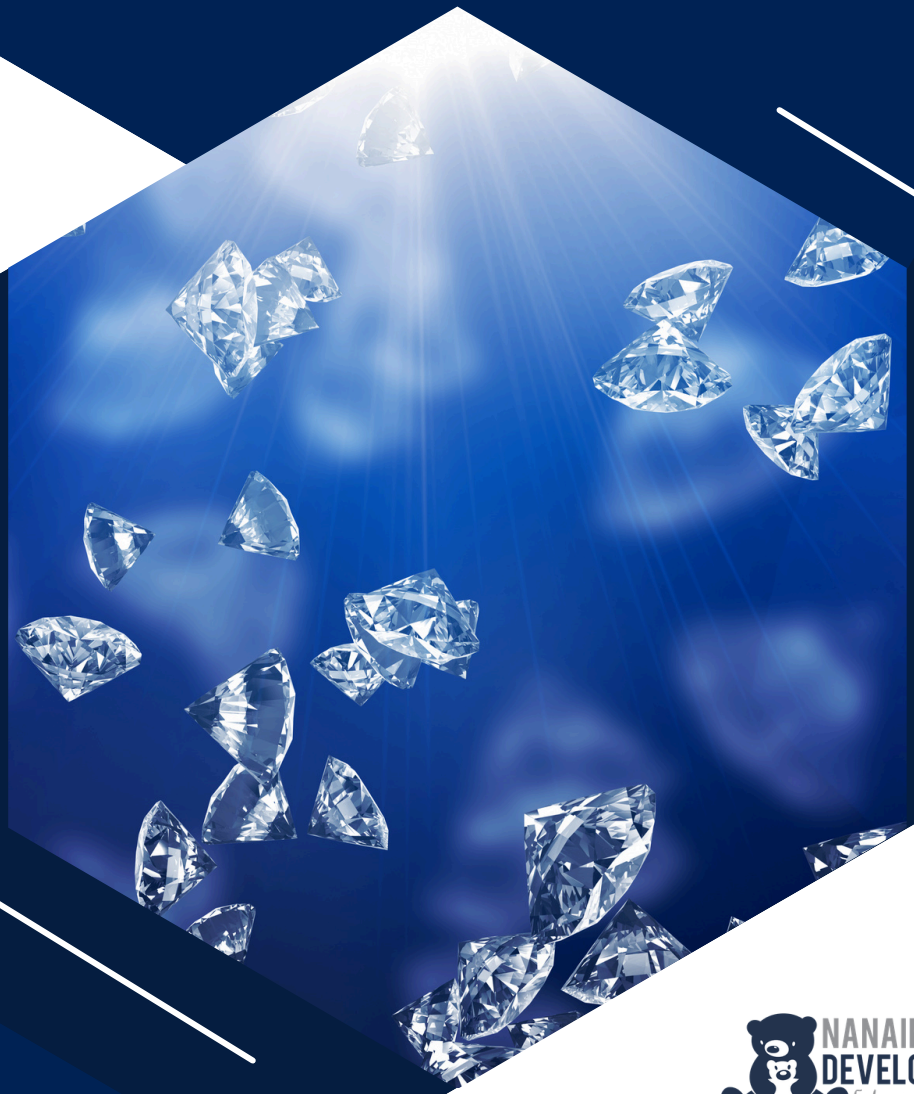
Nanaimo Child Development Centre
60th Anniversary Gala
May 15, 2027 - VIU Welcome Centre

Diamonds & Dreams



NANAIMO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
Embracing Possibilities, Empowering Families

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ABOUT THE EVENT:

Diamonds & Dreams

On May 15, 2027, at Vancouver Island University's Welcome Centre, 250–300 of the region's business leaders, philanthropists, and community champions will gather for the Nanaimo Child Development Centre's 60th Anniversary gala, Diamonds & Dreams. This milestone celebration will recognize six decades of helping children of all abilities reach their potential, while raising $260,000 to support the Centre's future work helping children and families.

An Unforgettable Evening
Inspired by the sparkle and strength of diamonds, guests will enjoy a sophisticated gala experience featuring:

- Red carpet arrival with champagne reception
- Live entertainment and elegant diamond-inspired décor
- Specialty cocktails and gourmet hors d'oeuvres
- A custom multi-course dinner created by VIU's culinary team
- Inspiring stories celebrating 60 years of impact and the vision for the future
- Silent and live auctions, Fund-a-Need, and exclusive anniversary experiences

By evening's end, guests will leave knowing they have helped shape the next chapter of an organization that has transformed lives across our region for generations.

ABOUT US:

Nanaimo Child Development Centre

Since 1967, the Nanaimo Child Development Centre has provided life-changing services for children, youth, and families across Nanaimo, Lantzville, Ladysmith, and Gabriola Island. Today, approximately 1,900 children and families access programs and services each year at no cost.

Funds raised through Diamonds & Dreams will support the Centre's Drop-In Community Playgroup, Outdoor Playspace, and accessibility initiatives to ensure children and families continue to receive the specialized supports they need to thrive.

Together, we will celebrate 60 years of possibility and invest in the future of children and families throughout our community.

October 26, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

On May 15, 2027, we will celebrate 60 years of supporting children, youth, and families with Diamonds & Dreams, a special gala at Vancouver Island University's Welcome Centre. The evening will bring together 250–300 friends, community partners, and supporters of the Nanaimo Child Development Centre (NCDC).

I am pleased to confirm that Antoinette Le Roux and Kaajal Manhas are members of the Nanaimo Child Development Centre's 60th Anniversary Committee and are authorized to approach local businesses to request donations on behalf of the Centre.

Our goal is to raise $260,000 in support of the NCDC. To help us reach this goal, we are inviting local businesses to contribute an item, gift certificate, or experience to our silent or live auction. Your donation is an opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to our community while supporting the important work of the NCDC.

Established in 1967, the NCDC is a non-profit charitable organization that supports the growth and development of children and youth, strengthens families, and builds community. Each year, we provide free programs and services to approximately 1,900 children and families across Nanaimo, Lantzville, Ladysmith, and Gabriola Island.

If you are able to donate, please e-mail ncdcgala@outlook.com, or contact Kaajal at 250-802-6070 or Antoinette at 306-737-2684. Thank you for any consideration of our committee's request, and for any support of the NCDC.

Sincerely,

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