



NEWS RELEASE

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2021 Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Virtual Gala Raises Over \$270,000

Vancouver, BC – On the evening of March 13, 2021, hundreds of supporters came together to raise over \$270,000 at the 43rd Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Gala.

Held virtually for the first time to adhere to COVID-19 health and safety protocols, the Gala raised much-needed funds in support of S.U.C.C.E.S.S.'s essential programs for youth, women, families, seniors, and refugees.

“Year after year, I’m overjoyed to see such dedicated support from the community for S.U.C.C.E.S.S. We are thrilled that our Gala was able to move forward virtually so that we could continue this heartfelt community tradition,” said Queenie Choo, CEO of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation. “I extend my sincere gratitude to all our donors, sponsors, volunteers and board members for their generous contributions in making the event such a resounding accomplishment.”

Hundreds of community and business leaders, donors and sponsors attended an evening of virtual celebrations and entertainment including a performance by Lorretta Chow. Special thanks for greetings from **The Right Honourable Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.** Prime Minister of Canada, **The Honourable Janet Austin OBC** Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, **The Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A.** Premier of British Columbia, and **Malcolm Brodie**, Mayor of Richmond.

“The support shown to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. continues to amaze us,” said Brandon Hui, Chair of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation. “Many people who share the values of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. came together to support community members who have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.”

“It’s rewarding to contribute to S.U.C.C.E.S.S.’s essential programs,” added Jason Lam and Leon Ng, Co-Chairs of the 2021 Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Virtual Gala. “We offer special thanks to our major donors: Mr. Andrew Lai, Mrs. Maggie Ip and Mr. Kelly Ip, Mr. Lawrence Woo, Prof. Jiawei Zhang, and Mr. Richard Wong and Mrs. Grace Wong. As we

wrap up another outstanding gala, we are already looking forward to next year and making it better than ever!”

For video of the event, visit: <https://youtu.be/N4rNimBWsZQ>

For video of the pre-event, visit: <https://youtu.be/xFnQBluOKmU>

For photos of the event, visit:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BpbPLnvW_xDjahE5JSRyCzC2-BU2JpNG?usp=sharing

Photo captions:

1. Queenie Choo, CEO of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation
2. Brandon Hui, Chair of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation
3. Terry Yung, Chair of S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
4. Jason Lam, Co-Chairs of 2021 Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Virtual Gala
5. Leon Ng, Co-Chairs of 2021 Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Virtual Gala
6. Clement Tang, Emcee of 2021 Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Virtual Gala
7. Maggie Ip, major donor
8. Prof. Jiawei Zhang, major donor
9. Richard Wong and Grace Wong, major donor
10. & 11. Lorretta Chow, Celebrity Performer
12. Ariel Cao, Special Performer
13. Rachel Andrea Carino, Special Performer
14. Elishia Yeung, Special Performer
15. Robbie Akehurst, Special Performer

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Founded in 1973, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. is one of the largest social service agencies in Canada. It offers a wide range of programs and services that promote the belonging, wellness, and independence of people on their Canadian journey. Programs and services are offered in the areas of newcomer settlement, English language training, employment and entrepreneurship, family, youth and seniors programming, health education, community development, seniors care, and affordable housing. For more details, please visit <http://www.successbc.ca>.

About S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation

Incorporated in 2001, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation is a charitable organization which raises funding for S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and its affiliated organizations supporting S.U.C.C.E.S.S. mandates that focus on strengthening our diverse communities. For more details, please visit <http://www.successfoundation.ca>.

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