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BC Ambulance Service

### **13 YEAR OLD RECEIVES RECOGNITION**

COURTENAY –13 year old Haley Latimer will be presented with a Good Samaritan Certificate and Letter from the British Columbia Ambulance Service (BCAS) on March 19<sup>th</sup>, to recognize the heroism she showed in July when she called 911 following an emergency at home.

“Haley must have been so scared, but I am very proud of how she handled the situation,” said Karen Latimer, Haley’s mom. “She did everything right and everything she could do.”

On July 6, 2007, Karen Latimer suffered a Grand Mal seizure at her home. Luckily, Haley was there and knew right away her mom needed an ambulance. Haley called 911 and communicated with the BCAS dispatcher clearly and effectively. She listened to the dispatcher’s instructions to keep her mother on her side and to gently move her away from anything she may hit her head on. The dispatcher stayed with Haley on the phone until BCAS paramedics arrived.

“The bravery of this young girl is highly commendable,” said Stan Hagen, MLA for Comox Valley. “Haley’s quick thinking enabled paramedics to do their job.”

The BCAS Good Samaritan Award is presented by the BCAS to individuals who have provided unselfish and humanitarian assistance during a medical emergency. The award aims to recognize the selfless acts of individuals, and promote and raise awareness, of the important role members of the public can play during a medical emergency.

“Haley’s quick thinking and bravery during this incident was nothing less than impressive,” said Gord Conrad, BCAS dispatcher. “She deserves to be recognized for the courage she showed, and the care she was able to provide to her mum, with our help from over the phone.”

The award will be presented at a special ceremony on Wednesday, March 19 at 4:00pm at the Courtenay BCAS station, 1980 Cliff Avenue, Courtney, by BCAS Superintendents Les Cleverly and Jason Twells; Courtney Unit Chief Bob Perry; BCAS dispatcher Gord Conrad; and District Medical Coordinator Dr. Al Houlgraves,

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