

## **GVCSS Employee Recognition Dinner Event 2009**

### ***- Celebration of Our Long-Term Employees***

GVCSS maintains an important tradition of recognition and celebration of our long-term employees. At our employee recognition evening held October 21, 2009, 112 of our employees, Board and event committee members gathered to congratulate 42 staff and one member of the Board of Directors who reached milestones in their service with the Society in the past year. In addition, the evening provided an opportunity to offer a tribute to 6 Community Health workers who retired this year.

Board President Lynn Carter opened the program on behalf of the GVCSS Board. Ms. Carter expressed her sincere appreciation for the significant contribution made by the employees of GVCSS. In her remarks, Ms. Carter added

*“We recognize that, through your caring, dedication and loyalty, our Society is able to reach our goals and be recognized as a leader in the delivery of health care and community living services.”*

Executive Director Ron McLeod also paid tribute to our long-term staff and reflected on the past year stating

*“When I tell people outside our Society that there are 29 languages spoken among our employees, they are impressed. When I tell them that almost 50% of our staff has been with us for more than 10 years they are amazed.*

*.... Over this past year, we have overcome disappointment and rallied in difficult times. What we have never done is waiver in the care and support we provide to our clients and to each other.”*

Throughout the evening, door prizes were awarded to more than 20 lucky winners who received gift cards from companies such as Sears, Starbucks, White Spot and London Drugs. The dinner concluded with the draw for two grand prizes – an overnight getaway package from the Renaissance Vancouver Hotel Harbourside; and a \$100 dinner for two certificate from the Hyatt Regency Vancouver.

*Congratulations to the award winners  
and thank you to all who attended this special evening.*