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ProMOTION Plus is pleased to announce the three inspirational honorees of the In Her Footsteps Celebrating BC Women in Sport event: Diane Clement, Allison McNeill & Kathy Newman.



Sue Griffin, Chair of ProMOTION Plus and CEO of the BC Sports Hall of Fame, Diane Clements, Allison McNeill, Hon. Stephanie Cadieux, Minister for Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Kathy Newman

Diane Clement competed on Canadian 1956 Olympic team, earned a bronze medal at the 1958 Commonwealth Games and went on to serve as president of Athletics Canada. Diane and husband Dr. Doug Clement also co-founded the Richmond Kajaks Track and Field Club and the annual Vancouver Sun Run. Clement received a Queens Jubilee medal for her contribution to fitness and sport and in May 2010 Diane and Doug Clement received the International Lions Medal of Merit for their lifetime contribution to sport and healthy lifestyle.

Allison McNeill has devoted her life to basketball, from inspiring and mentoring young children on the court to developing and nurturing promising talent to coaching top players in British Columbia and Canada. From 1988 to 2001 she coached the Simon Fraser University womens basketball team, leading the team to compete in 11 NAIA championships. From 1998-2000 she served as head coach of the national junior team and has coached the Canadian womens team since 2002. She is committed to developing youth coaches and in helping athletes succeed as students and community members.

Kathy Newman joined the BC Wheelchair Sports Association in 1981, serving as office manager before advancing to executive director in 1986. With considerable energy and enthusiasm she has helped create opportunities, in sport and in life, for people with disabilities. She co-chaired the 2009 Americas Cup International wheelchair basketball tournament and Canadas successful bid to host the 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships, and has worked with government and business to increase funding and awareness. Through her work also emerged Bridging the Gap, a program encouraging individuals with disabilities to participate in wheelchair sports and recreation.

In addition to recognizing the 2010 honorees, the evening served to celebrate the 20th anniversary of ProMOTION Plus, the provincial organization launched in November 1990 to encourage sport and physical activity opportunities for girls and women in BC.