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**Local Agency opens Centre to address local food security**

October 16<sup>th</sup> is World Food Day and LUSH Valley Food Action Society is using the occasion to announce the launch of the HUB – A Comox Valley Food Security Centre. The grand opening is scheduled for Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at 1126F Piercy Avenue in Courtenay. The HUB will house LUSH Valley's Fruit Tree Project and a number of new initiatives. The renovations have been done with significant community donations of labour, materials, expertise and grants.

The Piercy Avenue site will provide centralized warehousing and distribution for local food security programs, a commercial community kitchen and a resource centre to facilitate cooperation and coordination among community food groups. LUSH Valley will also partner with community to deliver education, training and resources to encourage Comox Valley residents to initiate food security projects and increase the amount and quality of food being grown in the Valley.

LUSH Valley Food Action Society is a non-profit community food security partner whose depth of professional representation and breadth of vision truly reflects the cultural, political and economic diversity and the potential of the Comox Valley food system. LUSH Valley executive director Sue Moen says "I've been involved in food security and the non-profit sector for sixteen years and this time and this place - the Comox Valley - are truly reflective of the history of our movement – from small meeting rooms to the front pages of the major newspapers. The community involvement, support and assistance in developing, renovating and opening the HUB have been remarkable and I am very excited about the possibilities for making our Valley a food secure zone – everyone having access to affordable, nutritious and personally acceptable foods grown in a way that doesn't harm the environment."

WHAT: The HUB – A Comox Valley Food Security Centre *Grand Opening*

WHEN: Thursday, October 30, 2008 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

WHERE: 1126F Piercy Avenue, Courtenay

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