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Popular Starlight Galaxy Film Festival for Teens Is Back on Oct. 3 to Raise Funds for United Way

Nanaimo, BC – September 25, 2014 – The annual Starlight Galaxy Film Festival is back on Friday, October 3 with all proceeds going to United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island! This popular event offers all night movies (literally!) at Galaxy Cinemas that high school aged youth can enjoy with their friends in a safe environment.

For \$20, teens get to enjoy the ultimate all-nighter: all of the movies as well as pop, popcorn, pizza and XBOX. Movies will include The Heat, Despicable Me 2, Warm Bodies, Identity Thief, Elysium and Insidious Chapter 2 (all rated up to 14A).

Funds raised will benefit United Way's Community Fund that, this year, has invested in 28 programs that help over 11,500 people including over 5,800 children and teens in the Central Island. The teens will be supporting counselling for children who have been abused and have witnessed abuse, suicide and violence prevention skills, anti-bullying training, grief counselling, and many other life changing programs.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be bought online at www.uwcncvi.ca or at the door at the time of the event (cash only at the door). Doors open at midnight on Friday, October 3 and close at 12:30 a.m. The event finishes at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 4.

United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island (UWCNVI) has been at work for more than 56 years in our community. With a mission to improve lives and to build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action, UWCNVI invests in strengthening people and communities including Campbell River, Courtenay-Comox, Port Alberni, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Nanaimo, Gabriola Island and Ladysmith. Funds donated annually by local businesses and individuals for United Way's Community Fund provide an essential network of social services in our community.

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