

## **Wheelchair Scale Now Available for West Vancouver Residents**

**West Vancouver, June 13, 2008** – On June 19 at 11:30 am Margaret McEwen of the Vancouver Coastal Health North Shore Home Health Program will be demonstrating the use of their new Wheelchair Scale donated by the Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise. Please join us at the West Community Health Centre at 990 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in West Vancouver in the multipurpose room on the main floor. This scale is an important addition to the Home Health Program as it will make weight monitoring of wheelchair clients more accessible to the community.

Without this equipment wheelchair-bound clients of Home Health had to travel to Lions Gate Hospital or a residential care facility to monitor their weight. Now regular weigh-in for these individuals will be possible at the West Community Health Centre. Weight monitoring is an essential component of health care for persons with health conditions such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, and enteral tube feedings. The new platform scale will also be made available to those individuals on a personal fitness program who are unable to monitor their weight in the usual manner.

The donation has been made possible by funds raised at the Rotary Club's recent Spring Fling fundraiser. For more information about Rotary, please contact Janice at 604-921-7583. For more information about the wheelchair scale or the North Shore Home Health Program, contact Margaret at 604-986-7111.

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Pictures will be taken on June 19 during the demonstration with a wheelchair client.

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