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FORREC ANNOUNCES ITS SUPPORT FOR SKETCH, A COMMUNITY GROUP THAT OFFERS CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR AT-RISK AND HOMELESS YOUTH

TORONTO, Canada, May 18, 2017 – FORREC Ltd., a global entertainment design company, is pleased to announce that it will contribute \$150,000 over three years to SKETCH. This Toronto-based organization engages young people who live on the margins to learn both practical and transferable skills related to the arts.

SKETCH has been serving the community for more than 20 years, creating opportunities for people aged 16 to 29 living homeless or on the margins. SKETCH helps these young people build leadership skills and economic self-sufficiency, and cultivates social change through the power of the arts.

“An organization that encourages a passion for design is one we want to support, especially when it’s focused on young people who have not had a real opportunity to develop their creative abilities,” said Gordon Dorrett, President and CEO of FORREC Ltd. “We were especially drawn to the fact that SKETCH works locally in Toronto, with an age group that is vulnerable and in need of a creative outlet.”

In addition to providing funding, FORREC will participate in the following programs offered by SKETCH:

- Encouraging employment opportunities as art mentors
- Hosting the culinary program, providing meals for 125 young people
- Extending the reach of SKETCH’s brand initiatives by funding an awareness campaign
- Volunteering at SKETCH in a variety of administrative and fundraising roles

“It’s always inspiring to see someone explore their creative sides,” said Dorrett. “We’re excited to help these young people tap into their abilities because you never know where access to these tools and skills will lead - personally or professionally.”

FORREC has been active in community support programs for more than a decade, including donating over \$10,000 to the Becel Heart & Stroke Ride for Heart, giving 260lbs of food to the Daily Bread Food Bank, supporting the CP24 CHUM City Christmas Wish and contributing to many other worthy charities.

FORREC is also proud to sponsor annual scholarships of \$2,000 each at the following schools: the Architecture Studios at Ryerson University and the University of Waterloo; the Creative Studios at OCAD University and Sheridan College; the Graphics Studio at Seneca College; the Ryerson School of Interior Design; and the Landscape Architecture Studio at the University of Guelph.

ABOUT FORREC

FORREC is an entertainment design company that creates places of escape and destinations of distinction. Our creative house leads in the design of theme parks, water parks, mixed-use + entertainment developments, resorts, and visitor attractions globally. We create guest experiences others don't, master plan like no one else can, and give the world's biggest brands results they never thought possible. Based in Toronto, Canada, FORREC has built projects in 20 countries, with a history that spans 30 years. For more information visit www.forrec.com or @ForrecDesigns.

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