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**PRESS RELEASE: CAMERON BOYCE WAS ONE OF 65 MILLION**

*Actor Cameron Boyce, who was one of 65 million people with epilepsy, passed away from a seizure in his sleep on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019*



**Vancouver, BC:** On July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, actor Cameron Boyce – best known for his work in Disney Channel Original Movies, *Descendants*, *Descendants 2* and *Descendants 3*, all of which were filmed in BC in both Victoria and Vancouver; as well as for his work in the Disney Channel TV Series *Jessie* and in the *Grown Ups* film series – passed away at the age of 20 from a seizure in his sleep due to a pre-existing medical condition. On July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Cameron Boyce’s family revealed that this medical condition was epilepsy, meaning that Cameron Boyce was one of 65 million people with epilepsy.

Kim Davidson, Executive Director of the BC Epilepsy Society has stated, “In the wake of the untimely death of such a young, bright star, we urge the media in BC to partake in raising awareness of epilepsy and SUDEP.”

Epilepsy is a prolific neurological disorder that involves recurring seizures and affects over 40,000 people in BC, over 300,000 people in Canada, over 3.4 million people in the United States and over 65 million people around the world. Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) affects approximately one to two of every 1,000 people with epilepsy every year. Victims of SUDEP are often found deceased in bed with evidence of a recent seizure occurring while they were asleep.

The BC Epilepsy Society sends our thoughts to Cameron Boyce’s family, friends and fans as well as the film and production staff impacted by this loss and wants to let everyone know that we are here to provide you with support, if needed. Members of the media and members of the general public who are interested in learning more about seizures, epilepsy and SUDEP can check out our blog post on Cameron Boyce, linked [here](#) and are encouraged to please reach out to the BC Epilepsy Society via telephone at 604-875-6704, via email at [info@bcepilepsy.com](mailto:info@bcepilepsy.com) or online at [www.bcepilepsy.com](http://www.bcepilepsy.com).