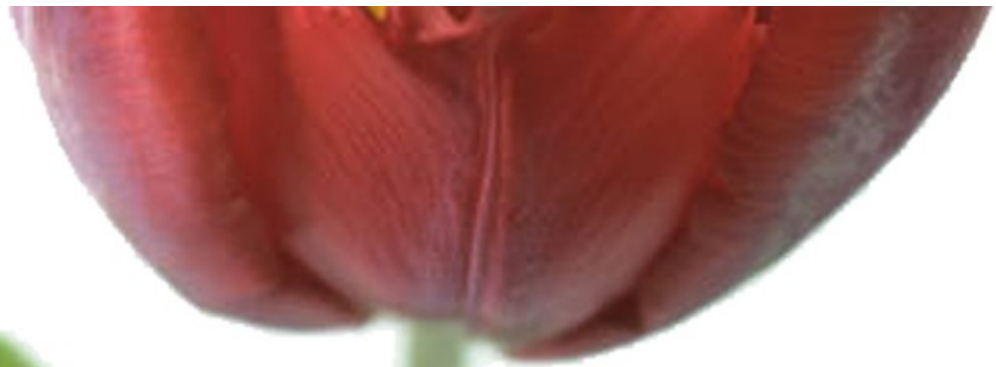




# Highlights of Lotus Light Charity Society Community and Charitable Activities:

Through Caring and Learning We Help to Build a better Tomorrow



**LOTUS LIGHT CHARITY SOCIETY**

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Under the leadership of President Master Lian Tzi, Lotus Light Charity Society (Vancouver) have been serving the community in Social Assistances, Medical Assistances, Education Advancement and Culture Awareness for twenty-one years.

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Lotus Light Charity Society (Vancouver) was founded in 1993 by Buddhist Grandmaster Sheng-yen Lu. Under the leadership of Master Lian Tzi, the first president of International Lotus Light Charity Society (LLCS) from 1993 to 2007 and the president of the Vancouver chapter since 1993, the charity developed into a world renowned non-profit charitable organization with over 90 chapters throughout the world. LLCS has made significant contributions in the areas of educational advancement, medical assistance, social services development and cultural awareness to communities locally, national wise and through the world. Here is a nonexclusive list of the charity's contribution to the communities.

## Lotus Light Charity Society Special Programs

1993 - Present

**Lotus Light Charity Society Scholarship** has been providing scholarships annually to support financially disadvantaged students who have achieved distinguished academic excellence, over 200 students benefitted.

1995 – Present

LLCS (Vancouver) annual **Winter Charity Drive** has distributed over 280,000 winter garments to the homeless and low-income residents in the Lower Mainland, with over 30 beneficiary shelters and charity organizations.

1995 - Present

LLCS (Vancouver) annual **Rice Donation Program** has contributed over 250,000 pounds of rice to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank and other charity societies, with a total of more than 100,000 beneficiary families over 19 years.

1996 - Present

LLCSV has been holding free **ESL Classes** to help integrate new immigrants and low-income Canadians, with a total of over 20 teachers and 1,000 students, comprising the largest non-government-funded free ESL program in Vancouver.

1997 - Present

LLCSV has been providing free **Tax Return Filing Service** for the low-income families over 17 years, benefiting over 2000 citizens.

1999 – Present

LLCSV has been serving the local community with free weekly **Golden Mother Yoga** classes, to promote individual health and vitality. Today, free Golden Mother Yoga classes are taught throughout the world, benefitting multitudes in communities in the U.S.A., Canada, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore and Australia.

2009 - Present

LLCSV **Sleeping Bag Campaign** has been partnered with Vancouver Police Department Homeless Outreach Program, BC Ambulance Service and other community service centers, distributed over 3,000 new sleeping bags to help homeless and low-income residents in the Lower Mainland during Vancouver's winter seasons.



*Assistant for MP Sophia Leung presented a Canada Flag on behalf of Canadian government to recognize LLCS' contribution to the communities.*

### **Charity Contributions by year:**

- 2014 donation USD\$50,000 to SYL Foundation, Lotus Scholarship Program 2014-2015 Academic year
- 2014 Lotus Light Charity Society has donated 2500 Lbs of grocery food and produce and \$5,000 dairy products for the 2013-2014 school year to Strathcona Community Center's Food Security for Children which supports 150 children (and their siblings and parents).
- 2013 donated \$10,000 of medical supplies to Canadian Medical Assistance Teams' Philippines Typhoon Relief.
- 2012 donated 700 Sleeping Bags 700 Winter Care Packages and 5,000 personal care items to 8 family service centers and shelters in 2012 Lotus Light Winter Charity to help homeless and low income families in the Lower-Main Vancouver.
- 2011 Donation USD\$10,000 to SYL Foundation, Lotus Scholarship Fund
- 2011 Donation \$3,000 to Sincere Care Society for the Elderly (Vancouver)
- 2011 fundraised \$7,000 of Emergency Funds to support the Canadian Medical Assistance Teams' (CMAT) purchase of a water purification unit for a small village affected by the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami disaster and a nuclear crisis.
- 2011 distributed 1,000 Sleeping Bags to Vancouver Police Department Homeless Outreach Program, BC Ambulance Service and local homeless shelters in the Lower Mainland in Sleeping Bag Campaign
- 2011 Donated 7,000 non-perishable food and hygiene items and 1,000 items of Children's clothing to 9 family service centers and shelters in 2011 Lotus Light Winter Charity Drive
- 2010 LLCSV and partners donated 20,000 Lbs of rice and cash in a total value of \$15,000 to "Heat to Heart Haiti" Orphanage in Grand Groave, Haiti for Earthquake Relief.
- 2010 donated \$4,000 Earthquake Relief Fund to the earthquake Victims in Yu Shu, Gan Shu, China.
- 2010 Donated \$4,000 to City of Vancouver to rebuild the Ceremony Burners in Mountain View Cemetery
- 2010 distributed 1,000 sleeping bags to the homeless and low-income families of the Lower Mainland. Recipient organizations include the Vancouver Police Department's Winter Blanket Drive Program, and 6 other local community service centres and homeless shelters in annual Sleeping Bag Campaign
- 2009 donated \$7,000 to Taiwan's Typhoon Morakot Disaster Relief aid efforts.

- 2009 donated \$1,000 to YWCA Crabtree Corner's programs to support single mothers, children and families in need in the Downtown Eastside Vancouver.
- 2009 donated \$1,000 to Strathcona Community Centre's Food Security Program for Children
- 2009 donated \$10,000 to SYL Foundation Lotus Scholarship Fund
- 2008 LLCSV and partners donated \$30,000 to provide homes and shelters for the Sichuan China "512 Earthquake" victims.
- 2007 LLCSV donated \$10,000 to PTT Buddhist Society to build Senior Home and Hospice Care Centre.
- 2006 donated \$20,000 to Quest Outreach Society to help establish a kitchen facility serving the homeless in Vancouver's downtown eastside.
- 2006 donated \$25,000 US in supporting the "Loving Cement Home Rebuilding" project for the tsunami disaster areas in Indonesia.
- 2006 fundraised \$26,000 US to support the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund to provide disaster relief to areas stricken by Hurricane Katrina.
- 2005 LLCSV fundraised worldwide and distributed donations of \$230,000 US to the devastated areas from the 2004 South Asian Tsunami to rebuild a village in Indonesia that became known as the "True Buddha Lotus Light Village".
- 2001-2003 LLCSV donated \$4,500 to VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation.
- 2001 LLCSV donated \$20,000 to the Strathcona Community Children's Dental Clinic in Vancouver.
- 2001 donated \$10,000 to Doctors Without Borders Canada.
- 2001 donated \$1,000 to Global Chinese Press.
- 2000 - 2002 LLCSV "Gift of Sight" campaign collected over 45,000 pairs of used eye-glasses for refurbishing and shipment to Third World Countries.
- 1999 donated \$100,000 for the "921 Earthquake" relief efforts in Taiwan.
- 1999 The representative of LLCSV took the lead in donating \$3,000 on-site at a live TV fundraiser for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation.
- 1999 LLCSV donated wheelchairs to the BC Poliomyelitis Association and Vancouver General Hospital.
- 1999 LLCSV provided free meal service to "A Loving Spoonful" AIDS patients.
- 1998 LLCSV fundraised \$30,000 for flood relief in China, Jiang Xi.
- 1997 LLCSV donated \$10,000 to flood relief aid in the Province of Manitoba, Canada.
- 1997 LLCSV donated \$5,500 to the Children's Foundation in Vancouver.
- 1997 LLCSV donated new computers and software systems to help establish a computer training facility at Vancouver's Downtown East Education Centre.
- 1996 fundraising for the St. Vincent's Hospital to purchase a Medical Laser Equipment and for Children Playground Innovation Program of Oppenheimer Park
- 1995 LLCSV assisted with \$10,000 for disaster relief in the Republic of Rwanda.
- 1994 LLCSV donated \$5,500 to BC Children's Hospital

To learn more about the Lotus Light Charity Society, please visit our web site, <http://lotuslightcharity.ca>.



Master Lian Tzi received a donor appreciation certificate from UBC representatives for establishing the Lotus Light Charity Society Mu-Shu Lee Memorial Scholarships



Master Lian Tzi presented Lotus Light Charity Scholarship to students excelled in academic performance and community volunteerism



Cst. Jayne of VPD Homeless Outreach Program helped to distribute sleeping bags to low-income residents



Master Lian Tzi and volunteers distributed new sleeping bags to low-income resident of DTES Vancouver



Master Lian Tzi presented Care Package and Gifts to resident of a women shelter.



Master Lian Tzi presented rice to the representative of the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society



Master Lian Tzi presented a \$10,000 check to aid Canadian Medical Assistance Teams Philippines Typhoon Relief



LLCS supported the Canadian Medical Assistance Teams Japan Earthquake, Tsunami and Nuclear Disaster Relief