

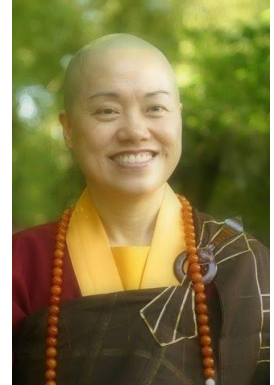


Lotus Light Charity Society

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**Master Lian Tzi,
President, Lotus Light Charity Society (Vancouver)
2017 BC Community Achievement Award**



An accomplished Buddhist master, lecturer, writer and yoga lineage master, Master Lian Tzi stands out for her dedication and quiet leadership to promote the values of peace, compassion and selfless community service.

Since 1993, Master Lian Tzi has devoted tirelessly of her time and energy towards making the world around her a kinder, better place. She has been the sustaining and driving force behind the *Lotus Light Charity Society*, an international charitable organization founded in Vancouver in 1993, with over 90 chapters worldwide. Each chapter supports local causes and contributes to global causes such as earthquake and famine relief.

As the founding President and visionary leader of Lotus Light Charity Society, Master Lian Tzi has made a lasting contribution to the areas of health, social, educational and cultural development for innumerable recipients of the charity's multi-faceted programs and projects. She is responsible for improving the lives of disadvantaged youths, seniors, low-income families and the homeless not just in her local community, but also in the communities served by the charity's active chapters around the world under her leadership.

Master Lian Tzi established the charity's Annual Winter Charity Drive, now in its 21st year, and in recent years developed the Sleeping Bag program distributed thousands of sleeping bags and winter care packages to the impoverished residents and homeless in our community, in partnership with the homeless outreach program of Vancouver Police Department, BC Ambulance Service and other community service centers. She also established the Worldwide Annual Community Rice Donation program, which has contributed millions of pounds of rice since its inception in 1995 to food banks around the world, and has contributed over 300,000 lbs of rice locally to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank to-date.

A dynamic role model for community volunteerism and philanthropy, Master Lian Tzi continues to serve her community as an esteemed teacher, a champion of the neediest members of society and a source of genuine inspiration for so many.

"Through caring and learning, we help to build a better tomorrow."
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