



# Lotus Light Charity Society

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lotus Light's 2017 Annual Winter Charity Drive: Donation of 10,000 New Clothing Items Helps Low-Income Families**

Lotus Light Charity Society (Vancouver)'s **2017 Annual Charity Winter Drive** is now in full holiday gear, distributing much needed sleeping bags and winter emergency care packages to Vancouver's street homeless through our community partners now and throughout the cold winter months.

**Please join us to celebrate the joy of giving!** Lotus Light Charity Society is pleased to present a donation of new clothing items (over 10,000 items) to the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 10:00am, at Lotus Light Temple (347 Hasting East, Vancouver). Charity volunteers will be accepting public donations of new, unwrapped toys at this event. And the delivery of the new clothing is scheduled on Monday at 10am to Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau at 1870 Pandora St, Vancouver.

*"We will make this large donation of new children's clothing immediately available to our partner Christmas Bureaus and associate family service organizations across the Lower Mainland – this is wonderful,"* said Chris Bayliss, Executive Director of the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau.

*"The power of kindness and generosity can provide happiness for others and ourselves – we fully support the Christmas Bureau's mission to empower families in need to create holiday joy for their kids through the generosity of community,"* said Buddhist Master Lian Tzi, President of Lotus Light Charity.

**The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau (LMCB)**, established in 1930 as the Christmas Exchange, serves as a centralized, year round toy warehouse for toys to be gathered, sorted, stored and shipped to Christmas Bureaus and Community agencies, across the entire metro Vancouver area. Each December, registered low-income families are provided with food vouchers and a gift for each child.

**Lotus Light Society's 2017 Annual Winter Charity Drive**, now in its 22nd year, relies on financial and in-kind donations from individuals and corporate supporters. This Christmas season, Lotus Light will donate 50,000 items of clothes, winter garments (toques, scarves, gloves, socks) including new sleeping bags, non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products to benefit the impoverished and homeless in the Lower Mainland.

In the spirit of its motto "Through caring and learning, we help to build a better tomorrow" Lotus Light Charity Society (Vancouver) is a registered non-profit charity dedicated to helping the most vulnerable in our local community.

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