



## A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER JOHN HORGAN

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Lotus Light Charity Society's *2019 Winter Charity Drive* care-package distribution event.

For 26 years, the Lotus Light Charity Society has been hosting programs to assist people who are struggling in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Our government is committed to ensuring every person can live with security and dignity, and we value the contributions of volunteers and service providers toward that goal. As we continue working hard to improve access to housing and supports, temporary and emergency supplies like those offered at this event are an important show of caring for our fellow community members. The food, bedding, and other comforts provided today can make a powerful difference in the lives of British Columbians.

I want to thank all of the donors and outreach workers who have demonstrated their generosity and dedication through this and other front-line initiatives, while our government tackles the systemic problems facing people who are homeless.

This crisis won't be solved overnight, but by working together, we can make life better for everyone in BC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John J. Horgan'.

HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN  
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA