



# Lotus Light Charity Society

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## **LLCS Covid-19 Community Caring Drive Help 500 Needy Inner City Families**

The premier John Horgan has just extended the Covid-19 emergency state in BC for another two weeks, to allow the province to reopen with a "phased-in approach" to normal life. But the affected families, the laid-off, isolated seniors, and families with children are still worry about their next meals, and waiting for our governments, compassionate corporative sponsors and charities to help them live through the pandemic.

Lotus Light Charity Society's Covid-19 Community Caring Drive gained support from Vancouver's 5 largest produce wholesalers: Fresh Point, Fresh Direct, Discovery Organics, Produce Terminal and Van-Whole. Every 2 weeks, the new program, Emergency Food Mobile Team, will prepare and distribute at least 250 hampers of fresh produce, enough for family of four for two weeks, to vulnerable families with children and needy families in Strathcona community, Granville woodland and DTES area. The majority of recipients in these areas are registered low income families below poverty line.

"The sight of covid isolation for families with both parents laid off, is heart-breaking to know how vulnerable they can be now," says Master Lian Tzi, President of Lotus Light Charity Society, " I am calling upon our volunteers and supporters to expand our response to Covid-19 Pandemic and to ask everyone to work with us in helping those affected in our community."

On April 30, Thursday, LLCS Volunteers started in the morning at the parking lot of Pink Pearl Chinese Seafood Restaurant (1132 E Hastings St, Vancouver), to sort and pack the fresh fruit and vegetable donated by produce sponsor Freshpoint. Charity representative meet the CEOs of the five sponsoring produce companies at the opening of the program, to express gratitude to their generosity and supports for this special initiate.

At 1pm, long line-up of parents standing within social-distancing received fresh fruits and vegetable pre-packed by LLCS volunteers. Recipients also included hamper program of inner city schools, and homeless service organization in DTES. Over 500 needy low income families benefited from the distribution. Thursday's food distribution also received support from Superstore King George Highway who donated shopping bags for packing of the produce for distributions.

LLCS Covid-19 Community Caring Drive is accepting monetary and in-kind donations from individuals and corporate sponsors to help local communities. Tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 or more. Please make cheque payable to "Lotus Light Charity Society" and mail to: Lotus Light Charity Society, 200-357 E. Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6A 1P3, or donate by Visa or Mastercard, or donate online through our website: <http://vllcs.org/en/donation/>. Lotus Light Charity Society is a registered charity (BN 14110-4893-RR0001). We could be reached at 604-685-5548 or by email to [llcsvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:llcsvancouver@gmail.com).

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