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PRESS RELEASE

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Lotus Light's 2022 Annual Winter Charity Drive: Sleeping Bags, Winter Care Packages to Vancouver's Street Homeless Public Appeal for Donations

Lotus Light Charity Society is actively collecting donations of NEW blankets, comforters, sleeping bags, clothing items (socks, scarves, gloves, toques, underwear, t-shirts, sweat shirts, pants, jackets) and personal hygiene products for the street homeless and newly-homeless in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, some whom are trying to return to the work force and secure affordable housing.

On **Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 1:00pm**, the Lotus Light 2021 Annual Winter Charity Drive will present to the representatives of the *Vancouver Police Department's Homeless Outreach Program* and the *BC Ambulance Service, City of Vancouver's Temporary Shelter Program* with donations of winter care items. At **1:30pm**, a public distribution of winter care packages will be given to street homeless in front of Lotus Light Charity Society, 347 E. Hastings Street, Vancouver. Event attending VIP guests including City Councillors Mr. Pete Fry, Ms. Sara Kirby-Yung, Ms. Lisa Dominato and Ms. Rebecca Bligh, and representatives of family service organizations and inner-city schools.

"The greatest thing we can do is to help someone in need. Let's work together to bring warmth and hope to help the homeless survive the cold this winter," said Buddhist Master Lian Tzi, President of Lotus Light.

Any new corporate surplus clothing articles from retailers, suppliers, manufactures and wholesalers are welcome. To donate by credit card or Paypal, please use donation online (through PayPal) at <http://www.vllcs.org/en/donation/>. Please send cheque donations payable to "Lotus Light Charity Society" and reference "Winter Charity Drive" to: Lotus Light Charity 200-357 East Hasting St., Vancouver, BC V6A 1P3. Charity tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. We can't do it without your support and generosity!

The **Lotus Light 2022 Annual Winter Charity Drive** (<http://vllcs.org/en/activity-2/winter-charity-drive/>), now in its 27th year, relies on financial and in-kind donations from individuals and corporate supporters. This year's campaign continues our annual distribution of hundreds of sleeping bags and emergency care packages in partnership with local shelters and family service agencies throughout the Lower Mainland. We sincerely appreciate the sponsorship support from: City of Vancouver 2022 Homelessness Action Week, Real Canadian Superstore, Lekiu Distributors Ltd, Ocean's Brand, Save-On-Foods, Starbucks, Big K Clothing, St. Germain Bakery, Terra Bread, NOVAGOLD and more sponsors!

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 charity dedicated to helping the most vulnerable in our local community. Lotus Light Charity Society's registered number: BN 14110-4893-RR0001. Please contact us by email at lcsvancouver@gmail.com, telephone at 604-685-5548.