

Highlights of Lotus Light Charity Society Homelessness Action Week / Winter Charity Drive 2022

Through Caring and Learning We Help to Build a better Tomorrow

Lotus Light Charity Society annual *Winter Charity Drive 2022* celebrated its 27th anniversary of serving the local community with distribution of winter care package with non-perishable foods, socks, ponchos, gloves and scarves to help the impoverished families, students families in inner city schools, and street homeless in our community.

With the supports from the City of Vancouver Homelessness Action Week 2022, the Leon Judah Blackmore Foundation, and many other generous corporate sponsors and volunteers from community service and support organizations, Lotus Light has donated 50,000 gift items to partner organizations Homeless Outreach of Vancouver Police Department, BC Ambulance Services, City of Vancouver Temporary Emergency Shelters, Outreach Team of Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction BC, and to the students assistance program of five inner city schools. Lotus Light has also distributed over 1,000 winter care packages with hat, socks, scarf gloves and ponchos, personal hygiene product and toiletries to partner organizations, and directly distributed to more than 500 street homeless and low income seniors in downtown eastside Vancouver community with free lunch sandwiches, hot Starbucks coffee, fruit juice drink and snacks.

- **Homelessness Awareness** Lotus Light has created and posted Winter Charity Drive / Homelessness Awareness posts on Lotus Light web site <http://vllcs.org>, and shared to social media to raise public awareness to the homeless issue.
- **Annual Winter Charity Drive Distribution**, on November 26, 2022, the Lotus Light annual Winter Charity Drive 2022 / HWA presentation, Lotus Light donated the 50,000 gift items to partner organizations including the Homeless Outreach Program of the Vancouver Police Department, BC Ambulance Services, City of Vancouver Temporary Emergency Shelters, the Outreach Team of Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and to student assistance programs of six inner city schools. Lotus Light has distributed over 1,000 winter care packages with hat, socks, scarves, gloves, ponchos, personal hygiene products, toiletries, and free lunch sandwiches directly to more than 500 people experiencing homelessness and low-income seniors in Vancouver's DTES community.
- **LLCS Extreme Weather Response** From December 2022 to February 2023, Lotus Light EWR team has made multiple emergency distributions of care packages, hot chocolates, hot coffee, hot lunch boxes, hot noodle bowls, snacks and fruits to unhoused people, shelter residents and Crab Park encampment residents during the Extreme Weather and Arctic outflow weeks. The program has benefitted more than 300 people experiencing homelessness in DTES community.

The Lotus Light charity programs rely on financial and in-kind donations from generous individuals and corporate supporters. This year's Winter Charity Drive 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 financial supports from City of Vancouver Homelessness Action Week 2022, Leon Judah Blackmore Foundation and Community Legal Assistance Society, and thanks to the in-kind donation from corporate sponsors Lekiu Distributors, NOVAGOLD, Superstore - Grandview Hwy, - Main St., - King George Surrey, Big K Clothing, Ocean Brands, Wal-Mart Burnaby Metrotown, Save-On-Foods: Cambie St, Main St, King Edward, Grandview HWY, Starbucks: Drake St, International Village, Terminal Ave; Van-Whole Produce, Terra Breads, St. Germain Bakery, New Town Bakery & Restaurant, Ba-Le Vietnamese Bakery, Golden Seafood Restaurant, Po Kong Vegetarian Restaurant, Pink Pearl Chinese Seafood Restaurant, Phnom Penh Restaurant. And thanks all volunteers and community partner organizations, Collingwood Community Policing Centre and youth volunteer group Project Hastings for their supports. To learn more about the charitable activities of Lotus Light Charity Society, please visit our web site, <http://www.vllcs.org>.



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Winter Charity Drive 2022 Distribution Preparation



Winter Charity Drive 2022 Volunteer Group



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Winter Charity Drive 2022 Donation



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Donation from Corporate Partner



Care Items Delivered to a City Temporary Shelter



Winter Charity Drive Extreme Weather Response



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