



Lotus Light Charity Society's

Lotus Light Winter Charity Drive 2023

December 16, 2023 @1:00PM

Lotus Light Activity Hall, 347
E Hastings St. Vancouver, BC

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Lotus Light Charity Society aims to promote a stronger community from its motto "through caring and learning, we help to build a better tomorrow" and relies on financial and in-kind donations from individuals and corporate sponsors to support the charity's multi-faceted services and programs in its humanitarian missions (social assistance, education advancement, medical assistance, and cultural awareness) to help those in need.

**Please support us to help
the most vulnerable people
in our community.**



**Your support and funding is needed to help
our most vulnerable people across Metro
Vancouver.**

Lotus Light Charity's multiple programs directly benefit thousands of inner city children, seniors, food-insecure households, low-income families and the homeless in our local communities all year-round.



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Lotus Light Charity's vital programs benefit Metro Van's communities throughout the year:

LLCS Annual Winter Charity

Drive: Since 1995, our biggest annual charity program has distributed over 600,000 winter charity items. In winter 2022, over 50,000 winter care items (clothing, hygiene items & food) and 1,000 winter care packages were distributed to the homeless and impoverished residents in partnership with the Vancouver Police Department Homelessness Outreach program, the BC Ambulance Service and City of Vancouver's HEAT temporary shelter program.



LLCS Emergency Kitchen and Hot Meals for

Homeless: LLCS provided Hot lunches to 250 homeless in Oppenheim Park each month since 2015. LLCS has established the Covid-19 Emergency Kitchen to meet the urgent need and prepared 200 meals weekly for homeless in DTES. A total of 30,000 meals have been served since July 2020. The 2020 Christmas dinners for homeless are featured by CTV.

LLCS Covid-19 Community Caring Drive: Since April 2020, Lotus Light has partnered with over 40 local food warehouse, food manufacturers, food distribution hubs and assistance groups, distributed a total of 480,000 lbs of foods to low-income families, the elderly, the unemployed, migrant workers and individuals who are affected by the pandemic in lower mainland and Fraser Valley.

LLCS Food Recovery Program: Delivering thousands of pounds of food to inner-city school children, low-income families and seniors each month in partnership with local food producers, distributors and community agencies. LLCS is nominated by Second Harvest – Canada's largest food rescue organization for the Frontline Impact award for the 2023 Food Rescue Awards.

LLCS Children Assistance Plan: Started from weekly donation of 100 lbs of food to relieve weekend hunger for Strathcona Community's Food Security Program, the *Children Assistance Plan* (CAP) program combines many programs and initiatives to support students from low-income family in our inner-city schools with non-perishable foods, household necessities and grocery gift cards. Since 2013, Lotus Light Children Nutrient Backpack program donated over 30,000 lbs of foods to support inner-city school's food programs. Since 2021, the "Lotus Light Care: gift cards for low-income student families program" and the *Children Assistance Plan* has donated a total of \$20,000 value gift cards, 30,000lbs of foods to students from low-income family of inner-city schools in Vancouver School District.



LLCS Annual Community Caring Day: Every summer, Lotus Light Community Caring Day brings together individuals, businesses, neighborhood groups and community service volunteer groups to raise awareness and provide resources and support to the most vulnerable members of our local Downtown Eastside community. On July 8th, 2017 at Oppenheimer Park located in the heart of the Downtown Eastside neighborhood, the first annual "Lotus Light Community Caring Day" was officially proclaimed by the Deputy Mayor of Vancouver, City Councillor Tim Stevenson to recognize Lotus Light Charity Society's excellent community service in the local community amongst a gathering crowd of over 1,000 people.

LLCS Annual Scholarship Awards: Supporting excellence in academics and community service to financially disadvantaged students. Over 250 scholarships awarded since 1993.