

Lotus Light Charity Society's

Winter Charity Drive - HAW 2022

Saturday, November 26, 2022 1:00 – 2:00pm

Lotus Light Activity Hall, 347 E Hastings St. Vancouver



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Contact: Lotus Light Charity Society

Tel: 604-685-5548, Email: llcsvancouver@gmail.com Website: www.vllcs.org (Charity Registration: BN14110-4893-RR0001) 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.







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 475,000 winter charity items. In Winter 2021, over 50,000 winter care items (clothing, hygiene items & food) and

1,000 winter care packages and hundreds of sleeping bags were distributed to the homeless and impoverished 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 250-300 homeless in the DTES each month since 2015. As a special response to the urgent need of local homeless, LLCS has established the Covid-19 Emergency Kitcen and prepared 200 meals weekly for homeless in DTES. A total of 25,000 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 430,000 lbs of foods to low-income families, the elderly, the unemployed, migrant workers, and many families and individuals 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, families, seniors and homeless each month in partnership with local food producers, distributors and community agencies.

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 to support inner-city school's food programs. In 2021 -



2022, the "Lotus Light Care: gift cards for low – income student families program" and the new Children Assistance Plan has donated a total of \$13,500 value gift cards to low income students in

schools of the 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.