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PRESS RELEASE

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Lotus Light's 27th Annual Winter Charity Drive: Distribute Winter Care Packages to Vancouver's Street Homeless

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 2022 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* and *SDPR Outreach Team Atira Women's Society* with donations of winter care items. The charity will also present holiday gift cards to inner city schools. At **1:30pm**, a public distribution of winter care packages will be distributed to street homeless and low-income family in front of Lotus Light Charity Society Activity Hall, 347 E. Hastings Street, Vancouver. Event attending VIP guests including MP Jenny Kwan, City Councillors Mr. Pete Fry, Ms. Sara Kirby-Yung 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.

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!

Lotus Light relies on financial and in-kind donations from individuals and corporate sponsors to support our charity programs to help people in need in our community. In the spirit of its motto "Through caring and learning, we help to build a better tomorrow" For information of Lotus Light's charity programs, please visit our website: <http://vllcs.org>, or contact us by email at lcsvancouver@gmail.com, telephone at 604-685-5548. 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.