

Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice

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Lotus Light Charity Society

To Master Lian Tzi, President of Lotus Light Charity Society

Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice is immensely grateful to Lotus Light Charity Society and their very frequent and generous donations to our food programming. Sean Ouyang arranges fresh produce, dry goods, and frozen meat for us to pick up at least once a week, which have helped greatly in our food programming and improving food security for low income Chinese seniors in the Downtown Eastside.

We are quite a young organization, and with rapidly rising inflation and cost of living, our seniors frequently express their gratitude for the abundant and culturally appropriate food donations. Many seniors who receive the free food items are very low income or do not have any income, because they have not been citizens for a decade, or they're undocumented or disabled. We also bring Lotus Light donations to working seniors and other older adults and multigenerational households that are struggling to make ends meet on fixed income. Because we normally receive large batches of Chinese vegetables and special cuts of frozen meat, distribution days have been extremely popular; many food line ups and redistribution hubs do not offer the quality or amount of culturally appropriate foods that Lotus Light regularly provides.

With COVID-19 funding streams drying up and the strains of grant writing and fundraising to sustain our food programming, the supplemental donations from Lotus Light have helped Yarrow:

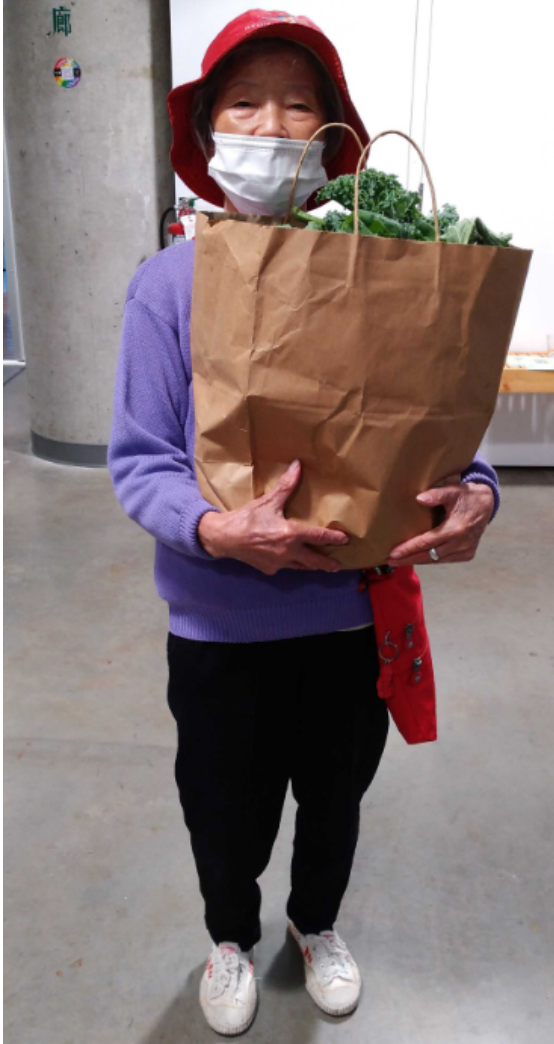
- maintain relationships with neighborhood seniors,
- build new relationships with other neighborhood seniors in need,
- engage younger and more mobile seniors into leadership positions to distribute produce and meats to their older neighbors,
- and supplement seniors' diets with additional nutrition while giving them more leeway in their day-to-day spending.

Although our recently renewed relationship with Lotus Light Charity Society has been less than three months long, our staff and seniors have seen and felt the impacts of your team's benevolence and care!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverly Ho', written over a horizontal line.

Beverly Ho 何盈欣
Operations Manager
Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice



Mrs. Ma (top left) and Ms Wu receiving Lotus Light donations from a fully packed wagon (below).

