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Lotus Light Responds to Extreme Weather Alert for Vancouver's Homeless

The City of Vancouver issued an Extreme Weather Alert (“EWA”) on January 10th, which provides for 250 temporary, emergency shelter beds for Vancouver’s homeless during sub-zero temperatures, which will extend until this evening. An EWA activates the authorities in the Assistance to Shelter Act, and Police are expected to assist persons at risk.

In response, dozens of Vancouver shelters and homeless outreach organizations have mobilized to fulfill the urgent need for shelter space and emergency supplies such as blankets and socks.

The Lotus Light Charity Society (Vancouver) and is pleased to support the City of Vancouver’s outreach efforts to assist local shelters and organizations (The Gathering Place, Union Gospel Mission, Marpole Place, Catholic Charities, Lord’s Rain, Evelyne Saller Centre and DV BIA’s Ambassador Program) with immediate need with a donation of 200 new sleeping bags, which were distributed immediately and over the weekend, as temperatures are dropped to -5°C overnight. Lotus Light is coordinating multiple points of distribution, including street walks conducted through the Ambassadors of the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (DV BIA).

“Vancouver’s most vulnerable people, the homeless and disadvantaged, urgently need our help to survive these weather conditions,” said Master Lian Tzi, President of Lotus Light Charity Society (Vancouver). “We are pleased to support the DV BIA’s Downtown Ambassadors’ with their cold weather strategy to help the homeless population downtown, so they can continue to direct people looking for shelters or other resources.”

The Lotus Light Charity Society relies on financial and in-kind donations from individuals and corporate supporters to continue its campaign to distribute sleeping bags and emergency care packages in partnership with local shelters and family service agencies throughout the Lower Mainland, including the Vancouver Police Homeless Outreach Unit and the BC Ambulance Service.

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