



# “Caring Hearts” for Underprivileged Children Society

(Dedicated to keeping children in need warm and cozy)  
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## Executive Director’s Message

Hi everyone

I myself did not think it possible that we could outdo ourselves and top last year’s performance but guess what WE DID !!!!!

We picked up several new programs, and thanks to all of you we were able to send more items to elementary and community schools.

Sadly we have lost 2 volunteers this year. Josanne Bordeaux passed away late in 2007 and Winona Chipertzak in February 2008. They will be missed as like you were very talented and enthusiastic about Caring Hearts.

If any of you want to perhaps start a knitting club at the office let me know. I’ll have more time to get to know you better, as I do not plan on running for re-election in 2008 -2009. I have served for four years and so for the coming year I will be tackling Miss Sunshine duties. I will be gathering birthday information; so for those interested in being recognized give me a call @ 604-937-1088 Anyone out there interested in giving an hour or two per month to help out at the office please call and leave a message on the office phone. If we have enough helpers we will be able to open a third morning. So ladies and gentlemen keep up the good work. You made mine just a whole lot easier. Thanks again and please call me anytime to keep in touch.

Stay safe and remember when all else fails keep **KNITTING, SEWING, QUILTING, and CROCHETING.**



## Recognition FUN

Caring Hearts has received a lot of recognition from the people we help and from people wanting to help us.

It started in May with a few volunteers attending the “Revolution” concert put on by **Ramil Omosura**. He produced a concert of very talented youths who sang and danced and rapped the night away, Caring Hearts received \$500 from his efforts and the volunteers had an entertaining evening as well.

In June we were awarded a \$5000 Toscan award thru the hard work of the Port Moody students. Their presentation earned them the prize and Caring Hearts the funds. We are very appreciative of their efforts. Since then we have been interviewed by four groups of students from other schools for the Toscan Award thru the YPI program. We are getting our name out there with more and more youths getting to know how the charity operates.

Elsie and Carol attended a Frog Hollow meeting and received a certificate of thanks.

Rosemary and Carol attended the Surrey Food Bank presentation and received an award for helping their recipients.

Peter Kinch Canadian Mortgage Team chose Caring Hearts as their partner to distribute 300 coats they had collected through radio ads. The volunteers who heard the ad were very proud. We were able to distribute all the coats to many organizations in the lower mainland. It is so good to know that so many children would be warm during this winter season.

## Help!

*Many hands make light work.* Those of you who have visited the office you know it is a busy place. We are always looking for volunteers to give us a few minutes of their time to help spread the office workload around and give everyone a chance to be a part of the Caring Hearts team. While you are helping with the office activities there will be lots of time to chat and exchange tips with other volunteers. Right now we are looking for help with administration, driving and phoning so if you are able to help, please let us know. If there are other things you would like to help with please let one of the board members know so we can make use of your skills. The more volunteers who help and understand the organization, the stronger the organization will be. We appreciate any help you can give us.

### A FEW Numbers

In 2007, we supplied 7200 hand crafted blankets, sweaters, mitts, toques, slippers, shorts, tops and stuffed toys to over 70 programs in the lower mainland. We receive and distribute finished items all year round with the bulk of our items coming in and going out during the Fall and Winter.

### Funding

In the spring, Kwantlen Secondary raised over \$400 for us in a bake sale. We truly appreciate the students helping children in need and thinking of the well being of others.

We received an unexpected winfall in December from lululemon athletica. As part of lululemon's charitable giving program, we were one of the few local charities that received funds by choices made by patrons and employees. We were very grateful for the donation and expressed our thanks to those who chose Caring Hearts.

Thanks to the people who donated yarn and material this year. We received a large quantity of yarn and notions from Ms. Finkbeiner and several deliveries of fabric from Mrs. Diedrich. Last but not least, we thank all of you for keeping our bins and shelves filled with balls of donated yarn and pieces of fabric. All the yarn and material we receive is used to knit, crochet and sew clothes for children in need.

Our latest donation is from TDK, who generously arranged for a delivery of over 200 brand new winter coats, it was an abandoned shipment and we are thankful for the warm coats that the children can use now.

We also have received several corporate donations from employee charity drives; we are always appreciative of the recognition we receive from word of mouth. As well, we receive funds through the pure generosity of others who support our organization in its mandate to help children in need.

We appreciate all those who choose to help us, and thank you for your generosity and support.

**Surrey Foundation; Shaw Cable; lululemon; United Way Centraide;  
Just Imagine; Telus**

**Please attend our Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday April 9, 2008**



**Come see the reorganization of the office and have coffee, tea and goodies**