



## Caring Hearts

For Underprivileged Children Society

### **Wrapping a frightened child in a warm homemade blanket gives them comfort they can hold on to.**

*When the RCMP have to remove children from situations where they have witnessed violence or abuse, the child often has nothing but the clothes they are wearing. Caring Hearts provides the soft hand-stitched blankets that police officers carry with them to help calm scared and confused little ones.*

### **Caring Hearts is a non-profit organization that began ten years ago with the intention of providing underprivileged kids with homemade clothing and comforts.**

If you are lucky, you remember having a favorite blanket, toy, or sweater that was made with love by your mother or grandparent. In today's busy world, many people struggle just to keep their children safe and fed. Sometimes those special comforts and possessions get lost along the way.

We believe that every child deserves the warmth and comfort that comes from a handcrafted item made by caring hands.

Ten years ago, our founder – an avid knitter, wanted to know how she could get her extra homemade things to children in need. Today we provide handcrafted clothing, sweaters, blankets, mitts, toques, scarves, and baby layettes to service providers, transition houses, schools, and community groups all over the lower mainland.

Our 300+ volunteers knit, crochet, quilt and sew thousands of beautiful donations every year. The artistic beauty, and the detailed craftsmanship of these items surprise us every day. Their quality could easily match that of any high-end boutique.

Winter is coming, and we expect to give out in excess of 2000 toques, 900 scarves, and 1000 pairs of mitts and slippers to children in our elementary school programs alone. Every year we receive thanks and photographs from kids playing out in the snow. Some of these children show up at school without jackets, let alone mittens. Without our help, teachers would have to keep them inside, and they might never know the joy of building snowmen with their friends.

### **Caring Hearts Needs Your Help**

Every day a mother takes her children to a shelter, leaving behind clothes, toys, and any sense of home.

Every day a struggling immigrant family realizes they are unprepared for the Canadian winter.

Every day children are being bullied, and their old clothes make them targets.

And every night innocent children go to sleep without anything of their own to comfort them.

In 2007, we gave away nearly 10,000 hand crafted items to children.

And the need is growing.

Caring Hearts provides the wool, fabric, and other materials that our volunteers craft into wonderful homemade gifts for children. We stock these materials, and the finished items, at our office in Surrey. Our organization is run entirely by volunteers.

We need your help to keep up with the demand we face. Please consider donating funds that will be used to stock our materials, and keep our doors open to the people in our community that need our help.

\$25 will pay the gas needed to deliver blankets to all of our RCMP Victim Assistance Programs  
\$75 will buy one order of wool that will be made into 10 beautiful sweaters for children  
\$900 will provide us with one month's lease of our facility

As a registered non-profit society we are able to provide tax receipts for your donation.

**Our office is located at 240 – 8138 128 Street, Surrey BC, in the Payal Shopping Center.  
Our phone number is 604.598.1177  
A volunteer checks the messages daily, and we are open Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00am – 12:00 noon.**

Please feel free to call and speak to one of our volunteer board members, or drop by and see us. We appreciate your time and consideration.

With your help, fewer children will go uncomforted.  
Thank you.