

Founded in 1971, The Lookout Emergency Aid Society operates 31 buildings across nine Metro Vancouver communities.

Lookout reaches nearly 2,500 people every day and houses over 1,200 people each night in shelters, transitional, supportive and affordable housing.

# Lookout



## AT LARGE

Newsletter November 2016

## Cold Weather has Arrived

Winter is the time of greatest need for homeless and vulnerable people across the Lower Mainland.

With winter storms, rain and cold already here we are reminded that everyone needs warm clothing, shelter and good food.

See more below to learn how you can make a difference.



# Feed the Need

*Access to nutritious food is a vital component to the health of vulnerable people living with multiple barriers.*

Watch our new video, [Feed the Need](#), unveiled at this year's 8th annual [H'Arts for the Homeless Benefit & Awards](#) event.

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped make H'Arts a memorable and worthwhile experience this year including: the volunteers, donors, community members, sponsors, attendees and our staff.

This year everyone's hard work helped raise over **\$45,000 towards food security**, including supplementing our food programs at Lookout's 5 year-round shelters, 2 seasonal shelters, and 2 drop in resource centres.

Safe and stable housing, along with consistent and nutritious meals, are the foundations to combat issues surrounding homelessness.

[Click here to support Lookout.](#)

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## The Holidays Are Approaching...

### Ways to Give this Holiday Season

This year's Christmas campaign will bring a special holiday moment to every person we reach through our residences, shelters, drop in centres and outreach teams. Make Christmas a joyous and hopeful time of year for people in extreme need!

[View Lookout's 2016 Christmas campaign](#) and please SHARE the link with your network of colleagues to help us reach our goals. You can also consider joining as an individual or team to help towards a specific fundraising goal.

Your support goes a long way to help some of the most vulnerable people living across the Lower Mainland. Thank you for supporting Lookout Society!

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## Blanket BC - Drive on the Line

**On November 25 and 26** various people from Lookout Society and other community organizations will be accepting blankets and warm clothing at Skytrain stations along the Canada Line. Please donate and help keep people warm this winter season.

**Blanket BC is also looking for volunteers to accept donations. Please contact them directly or fill out a volunteer application [here](#).**

# DRIVE ON THE LINE

## BLANKET DRIVE



Blanket BC

Warmth from the Heart

### 8th Annual "Drive on the Line"

will take place

**Friday, November 25**

**Saturday, November 26.**

**8:30am - 6pm**

Volunteer 4/6/8 hr shifts available.  
at select Canada Line stations

**DONATE A BLANKET TO ANY OF THESE  
LOCATIONS ON THE CANADA LINE**

•Waterfront

•Yaletown/Roundhouse

•Oakridge/41st

•Bridgeport

•Vancouver City Centre

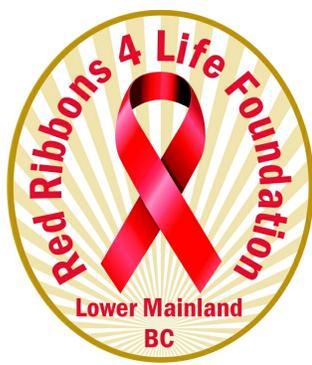
•Broadway/City Hall

•Marine Drive Station

•Lansdowne

— Volunteer At: —  
**[www.BlanketBC.org](http://www.BlanketBC.org)**

**Red Ribbons 4 Life**



Red Ribbons 4 Life is celebrating it's 9th year of fundraising on **November 27, 2016 at the Columbia Theatre in New Westminster**. Last year's raised \$13,000 that was donated to the Lookout's Djaef Mahler high protein food bank in Surrey.

Shayne Williams, Executive Director for Lookout Society says, "The Lookout Society is honoured to receive ongoing support from Red Ribbons 4 Life. Their donations have made a difference in our ability

to provide nutritious food for people and their families affected by HIV and Hepatitis C."

**2,146 individuals and families received food from the Djaef Mahler food bank last year.**

Join the [Red Ribbons 4 Life Facebook Event](#) to follow the latest news.

To learn more about RR4L, visit [redribbons4life.com](http://redribbons4life.com)

**[Donate to Lookout](#)**

***& make a direct impact on the lives of people in need.***

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## State of Homelessness in Canada 2016

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[Click here](#) to access the updated 2016 report published by Homeless Hub.

### Some of the key findings from this report were:

1. **Homelessness is on the rise in Canada** and spreading to affect more youths, families and women than ever before.
2. **Preventing homelessness is critical** in ending homelessness. It is not enough to simply house people who are currently homeless, but instead we must find ways to prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place.
3. **Stable and safe housing is essential** to combat issues surrounding homelessness, without it people have little chance of overcoming other types of barriers.
4. **Local solutions are necessary**. Collaboration between service providers and the communities they work in must adapt to the particular needs of people in that area.
5. **Collecting and sharing relevant information** and data helps customize approaches to respond to need, rather than hearsay.

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