



Dear PRS Product Repurposing Solutions team,

Thank you for your generous support of the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre. We are so grateful for your wonderful donation of tech products and personal hygiene supplies. Your contribution truly means the world to us and helps ensure that we can continue this work for women.

Over the past year, we have implemented new protocols and found new, innovative ways to continue our programs and services while keeping women safe. We continue to serve over 700 meals daily from our locations, providing much-needed nutrition to women in the Downtown Eastside. Our Centre remains open to a limited number of people at a time (to ensure physical distancing), as we continue to offer advocacy programs, outreach, computer use, clothing/toiletry donations, and access to washrooms and showers. We also have created a new patio outside, in response to COVID-19, to offer safe outdoor seating and respite.

Our three emergency shelters also remain fully operational, providing over 100 beds per night to women in need, a space of safety, and essential resources. Our on-site programming has continued, providing fun, enriching workshops that provide enjoyment and learning opportunities for the women participating.

The issues women face in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver have only been compounded as the community experiences increased gender-based violence and lack of access to safe spaces during the pandemic. Due to this need, DEWC has opened two new satellite shelters/warming spaces. With these acquisitions, and maintaining our programs and services at existing locations in the midst of the pandemic, this gift truly means the world.

If you ever would like to learn more about our current operations or upcoming initiatives, I would love to arrange another time to talk. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of women in the DTES.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sian Shin', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sian Shin

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