



JUNE 2020 UPDATE

THE KITS CARES CAFE IS A WEEKLY CAFE-STYLE COMMUNITY MEAL HELD AT THE KITSILANO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE, JOINTLY HOSTED BY NEARBY CHURCHES, TO ADDRESS HUNGER & SOCIAL ISOLATION IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST.

Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

- We are seeing an average of 70 guests access our service on a weekly basis (and growing)
- Kits Cares Cafe (under Kits Neighbourhood House) has been added to the [Vancouver Emergency Meal Program Map](#) which might mean an increase in our already increasing numbers
- While prioritizing the safety of our volunteer team, providing food & support for vulnerable individuals is **an essential service**.
- As of March 19, we switched to take-out food and grocery hampers (Kits House is currently closed but we have access to the kitchen). We are actively monitoring recommendations from the BCCDC, City of Vancouver & VCH, including these [Recommendations for Food Programs](#).

Our Current Budget

- Since COVID hit, the program budget is about \$620/week (up from \$570/week) for oversight & purchased food plus \$600 of donated food
- Hampers require more food than sit-down meals & take more coordination through the week
- We hope to continue with food hampers for the next few months, as long as we can raise funds to cover the costs. We currently have enough to cover the program until the end of July 2020.

What We Need

- **FINANCIAL DONATIONS** can be made online through [charitableimpact.com](#) (search for CityGate Leadership Forum, note "For Kits Café" in the "For the Charity" box), or sent to CityGate Leadership Forum (1575 Salsbury Drive, Vancouver BC, V5L 4B7). Tax receipts will be available for donations over \$20.
- **CONNECT WITH A NEIGHBOUR IN NEED** with friendly check-in calls - connect@thisiscitylife.com (Subject: Kits Cares-Friendly Calls and your phone #)
- **PRAYER** for safety & connections as we figure out evolving best practices
- Until we can hold gatherings again, we do not need more volunteers on site on Thursday evenings
- Contact Hillary (hillaryk@kitshouse.org) to find out how you can contribute.

Thank You to our Generous Donors

Whole Foods, Safeway, Chambar, La Rota Pizza, Cobs Bread, Kits House, Westside Neighbourhood Ministry, St Philip's Anglican Church, St Faith's Anglican Church, others who bake cookies & drop off fresh produce, neighbouring organizations & the sponsoring churches: Lord's Grace, City Life, Kits Christian, Redemption & Tenth Church.



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Neighbourhood House

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