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Building on the success of the new warming center at the Vancouver Odd Fellows' historic building in Fairview, their members are again reaching out to the community to receive proposals from Registered Charities that would appreciate having the Odd Fellows work with them to help achieve their charitable goals.

The Odd Fellows have decided to develop an ongoing relationship with a charity that will become their "signature charity" and the largest, single focus of their charitable benevolence activities. The intent is to leverage the esprit de corps of the members and the physical space of their heritage Lodge hall in support of charitable activities and events in order to maximize the benevolent impact.

Contributions to the selected Charity in the first year will be a minimum of \$20,000 in direct donations with opportunities to increase the impact with related fund raising activities and events.

In order to be considered, the Charity must meet these prerequisites:

- A non-profit must be a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- The Charity is willing to involve Odd Fellows Lodge members in their activities.
- The Charity must be local and/or available to Odd Fellows member participation.

Among the criteria used to evaluate the charities:

- Worthiness of the cause and the need for funding.
- Efficacy of the organization: trustworthiness, reputation, percentage of the funds that go directly to charitable activities and the strength of the proposal
- The way in which the Charity will facilitate Odd Fellow members' willingness to participate in fundraising and or delivery of program activities.

The deadline for submissions is May 17, 2021.

Vancouver Odd Fellows Lodge 90 and Hemlock Lodge 8 are registered non-profit societies operating out of their heritage building located at 1443 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC. The Odd Fellows do not believe in the divisions and classifications of society. It teaches respect and tolerance of differing beliefs and values, but avoids affinity with systems of faith or sect, whether religious or political. Odd Fellowship recognizes all people as part of one universal family and encourages mutual respect between people. One of the elements of their mission is to help make the world a better place to live by aiding each other, the community, the less fortunate, the youth, the elderly, the environment and the community in every way possible.

More detailed information is available at [Vancouver Odd Fellows](https://www.vancouveroddfellows.ca) or contact Charles Spong

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