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#105-510 Fifth Street



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We understand the City of Nanaimo's concerns regarding the additional costs associated with the regulation and administration of cannabis retail, particularly in addressing nuisance issues, impairment, and providing education. In consultation with the Planning Department, we have decided to contribute a \$10,000 community contribution directed to a special round of the Social Planning Grant program that focuses on addictions and mental health.

This financial contribution is only a small aspect of how we plan to contribute to the community. Over the course of our operations as a medical cannabis dispensary in Nanaimo, our stores have provided generous contributions and donations to many local non-profit organizations including: Nanaimo Women's Centre, Nanaimo Foodshare, SPCA, United Way, Unitarian Homeless Center, Island Crisis Care Society, Nanaimo Community Hospice, KidSport, Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, Holistic Wellness Association, First Unitarian Fellowship, and Crimson Performing Arts Center for Children, Wisteria Community Association.

Our first act upon opening this location in the Harewood neighbourhood in July 2018 was to reach out to local non-profit groups working in the community around issues that we feel strongly about, including food security, mental health and addiction, and homelessness. We donated 10% of our profits from the first three months of operations at this location to their respective causes, which amounted to \$1,000 to FoodShare, \$2,000 to Wisteria Community Association (as well as an in-kind donation of a deep-freeze and 30 hours of volunteer work), and \$2,000 to Loaves and Fishes.

As a medical cannabis dispensary, Trees ~ Island Grown also offers the Trees Compassion Subsidy Program, which is 100% internally funded and provides access and personalized consultations for those with a medical need for cannabis, but without the financial resources to pay for product that aid significantly to their quality of living and health needs. Our in-house program offers monthly allotments for low-income, marginalized members of the community with terminal or severely debilitating illnesses. While we will not be able to continue this program under provincial non-medical cannabis regulations, we will strive to find new ways to support this important segment of our customer base.

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As a community-oriented Island-based business, we are also committed to sourcing our products from local producers. As micro-cultivators and other local Licensed Producers enter the provincial supply stream, we will support these local producers adding value to the local economy.