Slipper Soirée—Slumber Party Edition—Helps People Find a Safe Place to Sleep

Flagship event raises funds to support people in crisis across Greater Vancouver



Vancouver, B.C. / September 15, 2021 — A safe place to sleep is not always guaranteed, but <u>Family Services of Greater Vancouver</u> (FSGV), one of the region's oldest and deepest non-profit social services providers, supports those in crisis. This October, FSGV invite the public to stay home and enjoy an evening guaranteed to remind guests of childhood nights spent staying up late with friends—all while supporting those in need, in crisis, or dealing with trauma.

On Saturday, October 23, the virtual Slipper Soirée—Slumber Party Edition—will be hosted by <u>Global BC</u> News Anchor, Chris Gailus. Throw-back entertainment planned for the event includes music by the charismatic <u>Trilojay</u>, with engaging trivia led by <u>Vancouver Trivia Party</u>. Guests will receive elevated slumber party food, with elegant classics and new favourites, all packaged in a grazing box, along with delightful beverages.





This year's slumber party theme is all about providing people with a safe place to sleep—whether they are experiencing homelessness, a victim of violence, or a child aging out of foster care. Anchored by a one-week online auction and raffle October 15-23, in addition to a live Fund-A-Need on October 23, FSGV is raising funds to support three program areas:

Directions Youth Services offers low-barrier support to youth under the age of 25 who are in crisis or experiencing homelessness as a result of abuse, neglect, substance use, or mental health challenges; **Victim Services** helps women, children, and seniors who have experienced domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking through trauma-informed support, safety planning, and more; **Foster Family Support Services** helps foster parents, their family members, and extended family caregivers to provide care to children on behalf of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

"Crisis can come in many forms—from violence and trauma to social isolation to financial or housing insecurity," said FSGV CEO Maria Howard. "At Family Services of Greater Vancouver, our expert staff are there to help people out of crisis and into resilience. Donations received at Slipper Soirée fund critical programs that support hundreds of individuals and families every year."



Karen Curtis, FSGV Community Kitchen Facilitator, will share a recipe with Slipper Soirée guests.

Formed in 1928, FSGV has a long history serving Greater Vancouver's most vulnerable populations. The non-profit serves more than 12,000 families, seniors, women, newcomers, and youth every year, and is dedicated to building brighter tomorrows in which all people are resilient, confident, and filled with hope.

To purchase tickets and find out more information about Slipper Soirée, please visit <u>fsgvsoiree.com</u>.

Single tickets: \$100Party of 6: \$550Party of 8: \$725Party of 10: \$900

About Family Services of Greater Vancouver

At Family Services of Greater Vancouver (FSGV), we've been helping people in crisis for since 1928. With a focus on supporting our clients to build their resilience through a continuum of care, we deliver more than 50 programs and services across Greater Vancouver. From youth experiencing homelessness to families impacted by trauma, our highly trained counsellors, therapists, and staff approach every individual with compassion and care. Dedicated to solving even the most complex challenges in life, FSGV helps people develop skills and knowledge, and empowers our clients to create positive change in their lives, today and for years to come.

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