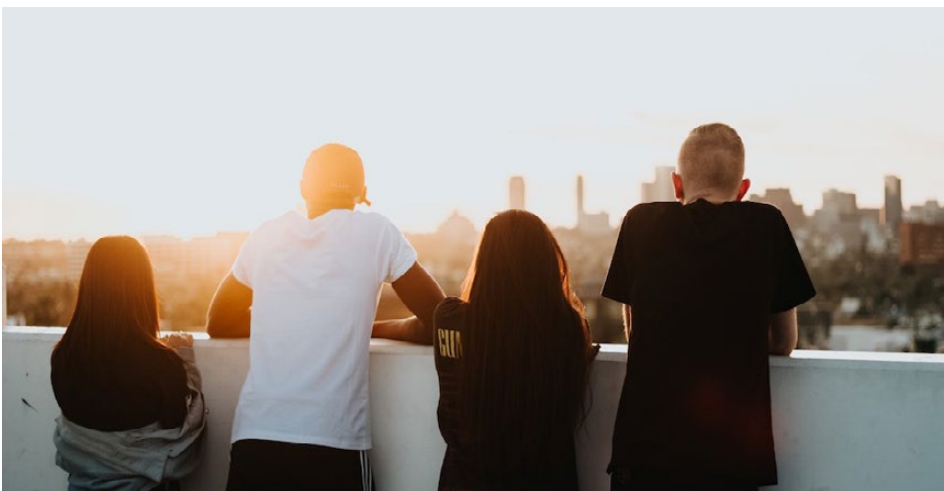


## President's Message: In these challenging times, all kids need our help more than ever



The CLICK team remains determined and dedicated to support kids in our city who need help.



AS WE FIND ourselves in the second month of our new COVID-19 disrupted lives, I hope that you and your families are safe, healthy and managing to find some sort of comfort in these uncertain times.

As I work through my new daily routine, and log into various video calls to stay connected with friends and family, I am reminded how much harder life has become for the children and youth that CLICK is trying to support. Most of the community programs designed to provide food support, childcare, sports and recreation, arts and literacy have been suspended. School — which for many inner city kids in Vancouver provides a critical

safe haven — has also been suspended and moved online. Even the ability to reach out for support from friends after a bad day is now more challenging.

May 11-17 is Inner City Kids Week. For the first time since CLICK launched in 2004, we will not be holding the activities associated with Inner City Kids Week — notably the Pulling for Inner City Kids tug of war involving the Vancouver Police Department and secondary students from across the city. Our always popular “Definitely Not a Gala!” fundraising reception also had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

Despite this, the CLICK team remains determined and dedicated to support kids in our city who need help. Our spring granting cycle will go ahead as planned — both to fund programs that are managing to operate in these tough times, but also so programs can have some certainty that there will be support for the work that they do after COVID-19.

I know that these have been trying times

for all of us — both emotionally and financially. But I urge you, if you can, to please consider making a donation or becoming a monthly donor. The one bright light in the middle of all this chaos is that it has demonstrated the generosity that beats in the heart of this city. Let's show our kids that it beats for them.

Stay safe and be well. I look forward to the next time we can all come together and celebrate in person.

**Jaelyn Tsang**  
President

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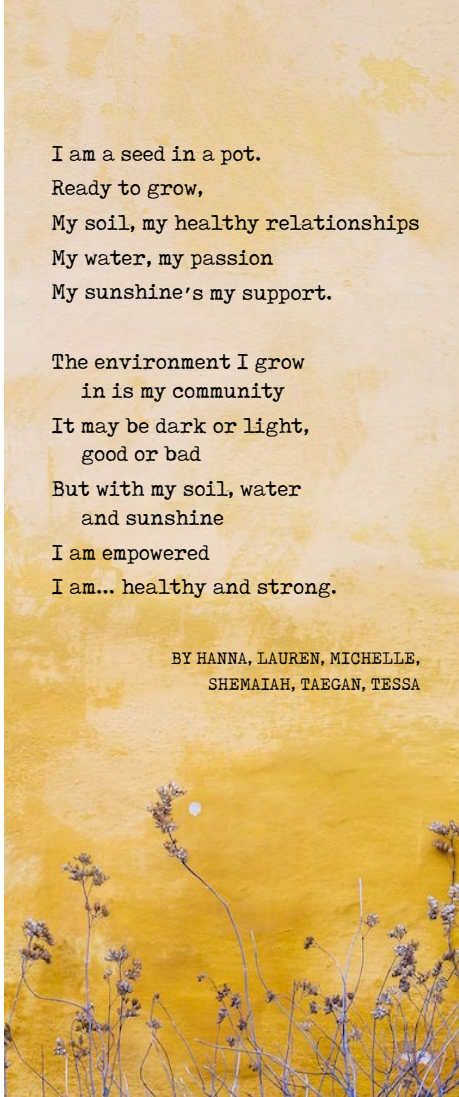
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# Girls Who LEAP

I am a seed in a pot.  
Ready to grow,  
My soil, my healthy relationships  
My water, my passion  
My sunshine's my support.

The environment I grow  
in is my community  
It may be dark or light,  
good or bad  
But with my soil, water  
and sunshine  
I am empowered  
I am... healthy and strong.

BY HANNA, LAUREN, MICHELLE,  
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Co-founder and program coordinator Mitra Tshan has spent 20 years working with girls who are in vulnerable situations.

"The program arose from a need to connect girls with mentors who could help guide them in a positive direction," says Mitra.

The LEAP in the program's name stands for "Lead to Empower and Act with Purpose" and represents the four pillars that make up the program. Each season the participating girls tackle one of these pillars.

What do the girls learn and get support with? Everything from what makes a good leader to effective communication, to healthy eating and fitness, to financial literacy and help with filling out job and post-secondary applications. All activities give the girls an opportunity to connect with something and take ownership for it.

And it's always about building girls up — so their very original fashion show is not your

typical fashion show, but one that stresses putting your values out there.

"They learn to be comfortable with being uncomfortable, which gives them an opportunity to grow and expand in different ways," says Mitra.

One of the key benefits of the program is a strong chain of support that helps girls make transitions with confidence: elementary girls are helped by secondary girls, and both are helped by older girls (program alumni) and women in professions. Elders in the community also play an important role.

In these times of the COVID-19 pandemic, support for the girls is even more important. They're getting daily support from mentors to engage in fitness, art, a homework club, a wellness check-in and other activities.

For Mitra and the other coordinators and volunteers, one of the greatest strengths of Girls Who LEAP is that it offers girls critical support through a five- to seven-year transition plan.

Program alumni recognize its deep value to girls in the community, which is why many come back as volunteers.

There's no doubt in Mitra's mind what inspires these alumni to give back. "It's because we're planting seeds for a brighter future for these girls."



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THIS PIECE OF SLAM POETRY was written by girls whose lives have been enriched and improved by an amazing program for more than 75 girls in Grade 6-12. Girls Who LEAP offers the kind of support, mentoring and life skills that can turn lives around and help build successful futures.

Started in 2018 with funds from CLICK, the program provides important support for girls living in low-income families in east Vancouver neighborhoods. The girls come from families where some parents are working two to three jobs just to provide the basics for their children, and where some of the girls are working in part-time jobs as well.



## Jim & Brenda Currie: For them, caring and giving back is a family affair

**J**IM AND BRENDA CURRIE raised five very active children, but between their children's many activities always found time to support worthy causes. Among other things, for several years Brenda ran a fundraiser in support of oral cancer research, with the participation of the entire Currie family.

The Curries discovered CLICK several years ago when Fred Lee invited them to attend CLICK's annual Dinner to Make a Difference at Robbie Kane's Café Medina. From the moment Jim and Brenda met the CLICK team they were hooked, and CLICK has become their favorite charity.

"We were incredibly impressed by the energy and dedication of the CLICK team, all

of whom are volunteers," says Brenda. "Having raised five kids, we know how important it is for all children to have access to sports and other after-school programs, and how expensive these programs can be. The money CLICK provides to these programs enables children from working poor families in Vancouver to participate in activities that will help them as they grow and develop".

The Curries have been generous with their donations to CLICK and have also enjoyed the CLICK dinners as a family. Twice they have bid on and bought the live auction package of a catered dinner at Café Medina, where Robbie Kane and his team have prepared a fabulous dinner for the Currie clan. Jim recalls that he



even got Robbie to come up and sing with him!

"We are a very close family and are pleased that our five children have stepped up and contributed to the community," says Jim. "Each year, at least a couple of our kids come to the CLICK dinner, and all of them support CLICK as well as other causes." The Curries are looking forward to continuing to support CLICK, and are excited about the opportunities being made available to inner city children through CLICK's efforts.

## Inner City Kids Week is May 11-17



## Thanks to our supporters and partners for another record year!

The CLICK Team thanks you for your generosity in helping to transform young lives in Vancouver. Thanks to you CLICK is on track to reach \$1-million directed to programs that help children and youth living in poverty in Vancouver. Now that's making a difference in your community!

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# CLICK is within reach of a milestone... you helped get us here.



Here's how it  
all started.

In 2002, a group of inner city educators, program leaders, community workers and activists came together in east Vancouver.

They were united by a troubling reality — too many inner city children and youth in Vancouver were not getting some of the basics in life. They also had little access to opportunities that build the skills and self-esteem critical for success.

These kids came from working poor families where parents were working two or three jobs, exhausted and doing their best. But poverty is a massive barrier.

So CLICK launched in 2004 as a volunteer, grassroots charitable foundation that would fund programs making a critical difference to kids in need.

It is now 2020.

CLICK has directed a total of \$825,000 to 530 programs — all on volunteer power.

## Will you help CLICK reach \$1-million for the kids?

DONATE TO BE PART OF A SUCCESS STORY IN YOUR CITY... FOR THE KIDS.