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Central City Brewers + Distillers and the BC Lions Donate Hand Sanitizer to Independent and Assisted Living Communities

Consumer campaign in June and July 2020 helps BC seniors through hand sanitizer donations



Surrey, B.C. (August 28, 2020) – Central City Brewers + Distillers teamed up with the BC Lions and BC Seniors Living Association (BCSLA) to donate hand sanitizer to independent and assisted living communities in B.C. through sales of the Red Racer Cruiser 8-pack Mixer released this summer.

Central City, which is known for its award-winning beer and spirits including the 2019 Canadian Beer of the Year with its Red Racer After Hours Pale Ale, began producing hand sanitizer in April 2020, in support of Canadians especially COVID-19 front-line workers.

“The ongoing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic require that we join together with our community to support those in most need,” says Brendan Yep, Vice President of Sales at Central City Brewers + Distillers. “Working together we are able to donate over 400L of hand sanitizer to help BC seniors who are disproportionately affected by this crisis.”



In April, Central City donated hand sanitizer to front-line workers, healthcare workers and first responders through the City of Surrey. Through the Cruiser 8 Mixer pack partnership program, Central City will donate additional hand sanitizer to independent and assisted living communities in B.C.

“It is the pride of the BC Lions organization that we can partner with the BC Seniors Living Association and Central City Brewers + Distillers in this worthy endeavour. Through this program we are making hand sanitizer more accessible by supporting seniors living in independent and assisted living communities throughout B.C.,” says George Chayka, BC Lions Football Club Vice President of Business Operations.

“The generosity of Central City and the BC Lions to BCSLA members is very appreciated in this time of uncertainty. We are thrilled to be able to pass along this donation to our members and the seniors that will greatly benefit helping keep everyone safe.” said Sheri Brown, BCSLA Board Member.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has put a tremendous strain on the availability of essential PPE and sanitization products that help ensure a safe and healthy environment for our residents and safeguard the staff and family members. We are grateful for the support of Central City Brewers + Distillers and the BC Lions who have answered the call to help seniors’ communities across BC during these difficult times,” said Lee Coonfer, BCSLA CEO.

“Pacific Carlton Seniors Residence in South Surrey was honoured to host the BC Lions and Central City Brewers + Distillers for their event announcing their pledge of donations of hand sanitizers to our seniors. Thank you from all of us at VRS for your partnership and participation in assisting us to keep our seniors safe.” Martin Gardner, Sr. Director of Operations and Business Development-SLP

The Red Racer Cruiser 8-pack Mixer includes 500 mL cans of Pils, Hazy Dreamer Pale Ale, Dirty Blonde Ale and Lager, and is available year-round in private liquor stores throughout B.C.

Central City Hand Sanitizer is also available for purchase (3L and 1L bottles, and in bulk) at all Central City Liquor Store locations and at the brewery store (11411 Bridgeview Drive, Surrey).

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About the BC Lions Football Club:

The BC Lions Football Club is Vancouver’s and British Columbia’s most successful professional sports organization with six Grey Cup titles: 1964, 1985, 1994, 2000, 2006 and 2011. Drawing on pride, decades of tradition, passion and a spirit of excellence, the BC Lions Football Club seeks to touch the lives of our community in a positive way and is dedicated to serving partners, sponsors and fans. www.bclions.com

About BC Seniors Living Association:

BC Seniors Living Association is a voluntary, membership-driven organization dedicated to being a valuable source for member development, education and growth. The organization works to promote and protect the best interests of its members, which include the Independent, Assisted Living and Long-Term Care communities in BC. The cornerstones of BCSLA is based on actively advocating, educating, mediating and celebrating retirement communities and their residents. For more information, please



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About Vancouver Resource Society VRS & Pacific Carlton Seniors Residence:

As a non-profit organization since 1972, VRS has been providing housing and services to persons with disabilities and families. They have recently expanded to offer housing for seniors with Independent and Assisted Living residences located across BC. VRS services provide innovative opportunities for individuals, families and seniors to maximize their independence and inclusion into their community. This is achieved by partnering with forward-thinking municipalities, developers and associations who see the benefits of the inclusion of all its citizens in their community. By developing these positive working relationship with our partners, VRS is able to continue to provide affordable and accessible housing.

Pacific Carlton Seniors Community, one of two VRS senior's locations in South Surrey, is an 80 suite Independent Living residence offering inclusive five-star hospitality services to support a vibrant lifestyle. www.vrs.org & www.pacificcarlton.com

About Central City Brewers + Distillers:

Central City is a craft brewery and distillery in the business of developing, producing and selling international award-winning, premium craft beer and distilled spirits, made without compromise. Based in Surrey, British Columbia, CCBD won the 2019 Canadian Beer of the Year and was voted Canada's Brewery of the Year in 2010 and 2012. Their Red Racer brand has become a cult icon among craft beer enthusiasts throughout North America. Founded in 2003 as a brewpub and liquor store in downtown Surrey, it now also features a state-of-the-art brewery, distillery, warehouse and private liquor store on Bridgeview Drive. www.centralcitybrewing.com Social media: Instagram & Twitter: @CentralCityBrew; Facebook: @CentralCityBrewing