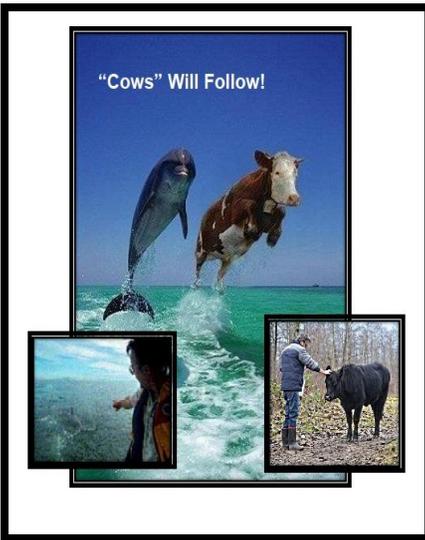


## A VERY MERRY COW STORY



Artist's interpretation of dolphins and cows. A dolphin follows the Lifeforce boat and a lone cow rescued by Lifeforce

When Lifeforce, was told about the plight of an Angus cow on December 11, 2011, we immediately contacted officials and organizations to instigate a rescue effort. In just 10 days she was on her way to a sanctuary.

In March 2011 she was on the freeway and the RCMP chased her. She ended up in a Surrey park bog and bush. This herd animal was now alone. For the next 9 months she endured coyotes, vicious dogs, harassment from humans and more threats that only she knows.

This story about a very young cow who escaped the inhumane slaughter system and fought all odds by surviving in the wild near Vancouver, Canada must be told. This is truly a case for kindness. A case for freedom.

On the morning of December 21st she was confined in a corral and the gates were closed while she was eating. The transport trailer came from Summerland, BC. By 5:30 she was in the trailer and on her way to a safe sanctuary for the rest of her life.

Critteraid, that has a farm animal sanctuary in Summerland, BC, offered a home and their Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team provided the capture team and transport.

She settled into her new home just fine. She spent the first night at Critteraid using the capture trailer as her home. Now called Lady Antebellum she was later "spayed" so she will never lose her babies to slaughter and human consumption. She hangs out with donkeys and others. She loves to be brushed.

Dana Lyons, musician and composer, gave Lifeforce permission to use his famous "Cows Have Guns" song.

The cow's story and the touching story of a dolphin who followed the Lifeforce boat can be viewed on the Lifeforce web site.

## BOYCOTT BRITISH COLUMBIA DEER KILLS

In addition to the seasonal government hunting licenses to kill deer there is the government plan to kill "urban deer". BC "wildlife management plans" continue to create imbalances of wildlife populations. Human overpopulation, urban sprawl, destruction of wildlife habitats and other contributing factors to human/wildlife conflicts must all be taken into consideration when developing policies for human, animal and environmental protection.

**MORE INFORMATION SEE: [Boycott BC Deer Kills Facebook](#)**



## WHALE WISE: GET OFF THEIR TAILS



In Canada and the US all vessels (including kayaks) must not block the pathways of orcas. In Canada, it is the law that they must also stay 100 yards away and in the US it must be 200 yards (400 yards from approaching orcas).

In addition to pollution, and food depletion, boat harassment is a major threat facing endangered orcas. It is psychologically stressful and can physically injure them. Boat traffic can interrupt their communication, feeding, socializing and more.

An option is land based whale watching at Point Roberts, WA; San Juan Islands, WA; Saturna Island and Victoria/Vancouver areas and other places.

If you take a Whale Watch boat trip please take video and photos of the violations by any company/pleasure boaters to help enforcement agencies. If operators are truly following the rules they should be supportive. Funding for government enforcement is not adequate. The more eyes on the water the more protection there will be for orcas and other wildlife. **In 2012 Lifeforce investigated numerous boat harassment incidents and provided evidence to Canadian and US enforcement agencies. Our volunteer work led to fines against whale watch companies and private boaters.**

**In Canada Report Violations to Department of Fisheries and Oceans 1-800-465-4336  
In US Report Violations to National Marine Fisheries Service 1-800-853-1964**

# Liforce's 3 Es How Humans Entertain, Experiment and Eat

## “Entertainment”

### ANOTHER LIFEFORCE STEP FORWARD TO BANNING ALL ANIMAL ACTS

In accordance with City of Vancouver Bylaw #5156 the Vancouver Opera stopped the bird act in Aida. Within a couple of days of hearing of the plans to use two falcons Liforce convinced them to drop the act. Liforce continues to make sure laws are being enforced.

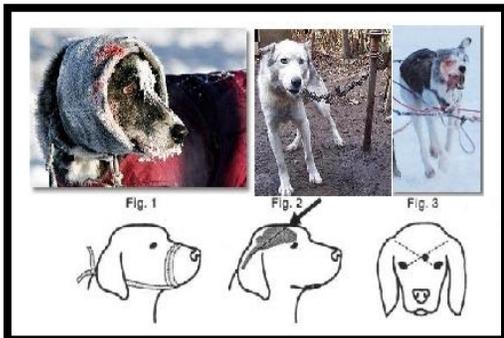
We further asked the opera company to support no more live animal acts in order to stop the exploitation of animals and to protect public safety. Raptors are inhumanely confined and forced to perform on cue for food. Wildlife is inherently wild and unpredictable. During raptor shows they have flown off, and have injured audience members. At the Greater Vancouver Zoo a hawk disobeyed commands and attacked a 4 year old boy. And one of their eagles flew away and was killed by lions.

This is no longer publicly acceptable now that the public is aware of the cruelty behind the scenes. Modern technology brings many humane alternatives. For example, it would be breathtaking to see wildlife living freely on large screens in theatrical performances.

Liforce also asked City Council to take action to communicate the restrictions on animal performances when businesses request licenses and/or permits. The business licensing department advised me that they do not refer to the prohibitions on some animal acts. Doug Tuck, Marketing for Aida, said that they were not aware of the bylaw banning such acts.

Since the 80s Liforce has been instrumental in achieving bans on animal acts. The laws included both wild and domestic animals. All animals suffer in the entertainment industry. Later in Vancouver, a different humane society compromised for only wild animal prohibitions. That was a major setback for animal rights. Afterwards the politicians in other places obviously took the compromise and the “domestics” continue to suffer. That continues to take the bite out of these types of animal protection bylaws. Hopefully organizations will learn from this victory and finally get back to defending the rights of all.

### SLED DOG ABUSE INDUSTRIES UPDATE



On April 21st and April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 the horrific mass slaughter of 100 sled dogs took place. It is evident that the sled dog industries infiltrated and manipulated those who want a ban. Many of these self-proclaimed Whistler 100 “protectors” do not want a ban and fail to understand why the inherent dog abuses cannot be eliminated through regulations and guidelines. Presently only one person faces Criminal Charges. He pleaded guilty and awaits sentencing.

#### **BC Government Releases Code of Conduct: Abuses Will Continue**

The government formed a Professional Musher's Association of BC and now released a useless Code of Conduct that will be hard to enforce! And the Code still permits chaining on 5' chains that cause physical and psychological abuses. It even gives instructions as to how to use gunshot for killing dogs in spite of the “Whistler 100 Sled Dogs” shootings resulting in barbaric, long term suffering.

It is shameful of the Provincial Government to use taxpayers' money to perpetuate

an inherently cruel and barbaric sled dog industry. It was evident from the beginning of the review of one mass sled dog slaughter that the Task Force goal was to defend a horrid business in BC Tourism. Terry Lake, Environment Minister, would not even allow a moment of silence for the slaughtered Whistler dogs. Why? It was they who suffered for this abusive industry to be exposed! This industry cannot be trusted to police themselves. Now the Liberals will be part of the crimes NOT the solution to stop the cruelties.

**More information: Stop Whistler Sled Dog Cruelty Industry Facebook**

### THE PLIGHT OF ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY



There have been numerous recent media stories exposing the plight of animals in captivity. From the elephants presently at the Toronto Zoo awaiting a new home at a sanctuary to marine life suffering in aquariums (Marineland, ON investigation) ; we must not forget those who have been exploited.

A list of known examples at the Vancouver Aquarium can be found on the Liforce web site. It covers 1964 to 1991 (published March 1992).

 [Download SADquariumHistory1964to1991.pdf](#)

## **KAVNA DIES AFTER LIFE IN PRISON**

The longevity of the majority of belugas is longer in the wild as compared to those in captivity. This is the 39th dolphin death at the Vancouver Aquarium since 1964. It is proven that captivity causes physical and psychological suffering. It is a crime against nature to have taken pregnant "Kavna" from her family in the wild.

Belugas were first kept in a shark tank then a BC Tel pool was added. The present pool was permitted when the Parks Board and the Aquarium promised that no more than 3 belugas will be in the pool built to give the 3 more space. However, when one died they captured 3 more. There were aggression problems and belugas were kept out of public view in a 50 x 50 barren pool. Two males have been shipped to SeaWorld.

### **Sad to Say There Is More:**

### **Georgia Aquarium and Others Plan to Import 18 Wild Belugas and Vancouver Aquarium defends the imprisonment >**

**<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2012/10/22/should-we-import-belugas-for-display/>**  
**Watch "Belugas: Far From Home" <http://lifeforcefoundation.org/ecotv>**

### **More Harbour Porpoises are Victims**

The Aquarium now has three so-called "unreleasable" Harbour porpoises. They are telling the public that Harbour porpoises are rarely seen in the wild. Well more untruths! If you live here all one has to do is to drive a few miles to Lighthouse Marine Park, Point Roberts near Vancouver to watch them frolic off the beach.

## **VANCOUVER AQUARIUM TRIES TO EXPAND AGAIN**

Aquarium expansion plans even include imprisoning beaver that can be seen in the park at Beaver Lake and on a upcoming video cam. It also includes river otters who could be "nuisances" captured from the wild. The 2006 \$120 million expansion plan was not built and did not open for the 2010 Olympics. These new plans must be updated, reviewed and voted on.

### **It is Time for Another Public Zoo Vote**

Recently a mining company donated \$12.5 million and the governments had put some money in too. The new plan was reported as a 6 year expansion plan. The Teck corporation certainly has a toxic legacy in the Trail area and have been criticized for violating environmental laws. According to Wikipedia: they contaminated the Columbia River in 2003 and 2008. Their Red Dog mine in Alaska has been ranked by the US Environmental Agency as one of the most polluting facilities in the US. They also cooperate in the controversial Alberta oil sands.

## **AND EXPAND AGAIN**

**Stop the Vancouver Aquarium Plans to expand into North Vancouver. The former historic ship building lands should be used as parkland and a National Maritime Museum.**

**<http://www.news1130.com/news/local/article/412955--vancouver-aquarium-may-expand-onto-lonsdale-waterfront>**

**Help stop the new Vancouver Aquarium expansions. Email the Vancouver Parks Board ([pbcomment@vancouver.ca](mailto:pbcomment@vancouver.ca)), the Vancouver Mayor and Council ([mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca)) and your Federal and Provincial Politicians.**

### **More Pools Means More Captives with Your Tax Money!**

## **RE: SEAWORLD WAS RESPONSIBLE IN DEATH OF TRAINER**



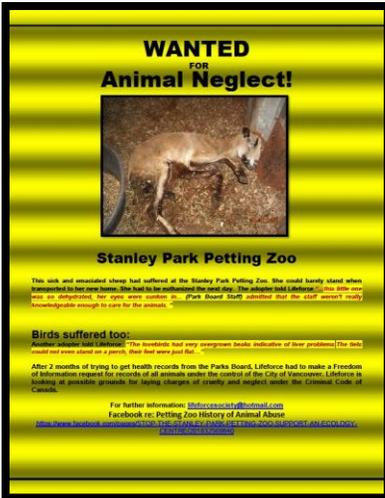
Judge Ken Welsch has made his decision in the SeaWorld vs OSHA case. SeaWorld tried to overturn the fines against them following the horrific death of trainer Dawn Brancheau in Florida. The death was caused by the male orca "Tilikum" in 2010 who was also involved with the 1991 death of another trainer at the now defunct Sealand of the Pacific, Victoria, BC. The judge upheld that SeaWorld was responsible in the death of the trainer.

SeaWorld's contention that it was unaware working with killer whales presents a recognized hazard was refuted by former trainers and information provided by Lifeforce. Lifeforce's Peter Hamilton provided documentation proving that SeaWorld was fully aware that "Tilikum" and two female orcas were a danger and did kill the Sealand trainer. The documentation included Lifeforce recommendations presented to a Coroners' Inquest and numerous Lifeforce letters to SeaWorld

owners and management. When the orcas were to be sold to SeaWorld Lifeforce urged them to not use them in shows with employees. Lifeforce's Peter Hamilton predicted that "Tilikum" could kill again.

"This decision is a moral victory for those opposed to keeping whales and dolphin in captivity. Imprisonment in tanks causes physically and psychological abuses. As with other orcas and dolphins imprisoned in aquarium tanks there is an extreme history of physical and psychological abuse. In this case, during evenings Tilikum and the females were locked up in a steel pen called the "holding module". It measured only approximately 25' x 30'. And it was only 12' deep. This led to abnormal, aggressive behaviors", stated Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce Founder, "SeaWorld should have never put employees in the pools with "Tilikum" who had killed the Sealand trainer and another man who had entered his pool."

# NEW PETTING ZOO POSTER



As stated in the Lifeforce Annual Report 2011 the Stanley Park "Farmyard" had finally announced that it would close in 2011. We contacted numerous individuals and organizations to help find humane, permanent retirement homes.

However, the Vancouver Park Board failed to properly screen those requesting animals. All they had to do was to give the animals to Lifeforce recommended sanctuaries.

One Park Board approved "adopter" was caught selling to the Fraser Valley Auction (Remember them? They were the buddies of the BCSPCA that promised Lifeforce that they would conduct a thorough investigation of "Kenny" but didn't happen. Read "Lives For Sale" <http://www.lifeforcefoundation.org/newsitem.php?id=70>)

We describe some of the animal neglect on the poster. The Park Board didn't even get a copy of a necropsy report from the adopter of another who died of a teeth problem.

This sick and emaciated sheep had suffered at the Stanley Park Petting Zoo. She could barely stand when transported to her new home. She had to be euthanized the next day. The adopter told Lifeforce "...this little one was so dehydrated, her eyes were sunken in..." (Park Board Staff) **admitted that the staff weren't really knowledgeable enough to care for the animals.**

Birds suffered too! Another adopter told Lifeforce: **"The lovebirds had very overgrown beaks indicative of liver problems. The tiels could not even stand on a perch, their feet were just flat..."**

And it took over 2 months of trying to get health records from the Parks Board. Lifeforce had to make a Freedom of Information request for records. Lifeforce is looking at possible grounds for laying charges of cruelty and neglect under the Criminal Code of Canada.

**"Experimenting"**

## WILL RICK HANSEN STOP SUPPORTING ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS?

The Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay ended in May 2012. Rick Hansen and Peter Hamilton have both spent 25 years on journeys to help people. But Hamilton also includes non-human animals in his dream. Hamilton joined the Hansen relay throughout BC on the internet highway. In order to raise public awareness of animal experiments he sent out hundreds of emails to cities and participants.



"All the facts aren't getting out there because different views are up against a powerful research industry with their spin doctors. We have seen numerous unfounded, misleading media statements about breakthroughs that were actually the inevitable medical progress that occurs over decades," stated Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce Founder.

Improving quality of life for SCI patients, wheelchair accessibility and education by Mr. Hansen and numerous other organizations is commendable. Prior to the Man in Motion Tour many were starting to get help. This included Rick who was using crutches after his injury. But people were not told about everything that Rick Hansen is supporting. People should have the right to know what he has supported and to see those horrible animal experiments!

In 1987, Lifeforce provided Mr. Hansen with scientific proof that intentionally paralyzing rats, cats, dogs and monkeys will not help injured people. The use of "animal models" is not only inhumane but also is scientifically fallacious. However, Mr. Hansen supported this vivisection. Over the past 25 years, Mr. Hansen has never responded to Lifeforce. Once again Lifeforce has asked him, "Will the Rick Hansen Institute join others and become a charity that does not support further suffering?"

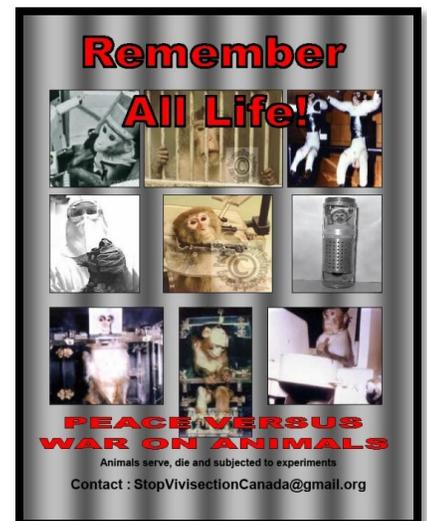
**Please read the Facebook "Rick Hansen and Lifeforce 25th Anniversaries". Read the history and why many doctors oppose vivisection.**

## MILITARY "WAR HORSES" AND ALL OTHERS

Lifeforce "War Memorial" Project promises to raise public awareness of and respect for all animals who are exploited for military purposes. Lifeforce is planning an on line memorial tribute to animals in wars. Once enough funds are raised we will erect various types of memorials at various locations.

Military animals are sentient creatures that are used in warfare. They are used as working animals to aid in combat related applications or weaponized (such as bombs are attached to them). Dogs, pigs, oxen, camels and horses are used for gruelling hardships such as transport, human protection, and bomb detection. Throughout history, elephants, killer whales, belugas, pigeons and rats were also used during wartimes. Dolphins, sea lions, sharks are in active use now.

In WW1 a million horses died on the British side and an overall figure of 10 million horse deaths on all sides. Of the million horses that were sent abroad from the UK, only 62,000 returned, the rest dying in the war or slaughtered in France for meat. Not a great "Thank you" for saving countless human lives!



In scientifically fallacious, inhumane military experiments they are poisoned, shot, burned, wounded, shocked and much more. They have no rights!

Please remember all life who suffered and those who continue to be exploited as they "serve", die and are experimented on in military experiments.

The photo shown of the monkey in the middle is "Martha" who Lifeforce discovered in a military research laboratory. She had been subjected to experiments and was scheduled to be blinded by a laser weapon. Lifeforce stopped that plan.

**PLEASE DONATE TO OUR WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT IN REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL LIFE WHO SUFFER!  
REMEMBRANCE DAYS FOR ALL LIFE!**

## **ENDANGERED GREEN SEA TURTLE EXPERIMENTS STOPPED**

Lifeforce demanded that endangered sea turtles at the University of British Columbia be retired to a sanctuary NOT to be dissected. However, UBC was considering a proposal from Sea Life Centres aquariums in Europe to exchange the younger seven for the aquariums' older ones. UBC did not kill them but refused to say where they were sent to.

It was revealed by a whistleblower that UBC experiments have been conducted for over ten years with endangered green sea turtles. It was claimed that the remaining turtles would be killed because the lab will be demolished.

UBC said experiments were started to study climate change and fishing methods since one of the threats is entrapment in fish nets. These 16 green sea turtles were obtained from the Cayman Islands Turtle Farm. Two died, and seven were retired to educational facilities. But the remaining seven turtles were scheduled to be killed this spring. Bill Milsom, researcher and head of UBC's zoology department, claims that major surgeries must be done to complete a study of diving depths.

In the wild, sea turtles continue to dive to depths already known by observations from field studies. The massive fishing nets continue to intrude into their territories. Environmentalists have been fighting for fishing moratoriums and bans on destructive fishing operations. Sound deterrents have been tested on some fishing nets in attempts to prevent dolphin, porpoise, and whale entrapment. Some of the TEDs (Turtle Excluder Devices) and TSDs (Turtle Saving Devices) have been developed as far back as the 70s.

Imprisoning sea turtles in laboratory chambers and tanks to look at thermoregulation, dive behaviour and heart rate will not save them or others. Harnessing them, starving them and subjecting them to many other stressful, painful experimental procedures are extremely cruel, scientifically fallacious and absolutely unnecessary. No breakthroughs here at UBC and certainly no justification for over ten years of experiments.

Read Georgia Straight: Peter Hamilton: "UBC endangered sea turtles should die in peace, not in experiments"

[UBC endangered sea turtles should die in peace not in experiments.](#)

## **UBC VIVISECTION**

UBC experiments included over 200,000 animals in 2010. The inhumane, scientifically fallacious experiments with animals can be phased out. This will stop the exploitation of animals and provide more accurate test results that can be extrapolated to humans. "Animal models" do not have the actual human maladies and there are major differences between and within species.

Read: Lifeforce's Letter re: Opinion split over animal testing

<http://www.vancourier.com/news/Opinion+split+over+animal+testing/4210450/story.html>

**"Eating"**

## **NO MORE GOAT DONATIONS!**

Lifeforce previously reported our continued opposition to Christmas fundraisers by Oxfam and World Vision that promote raising and eating animals. For more info see: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oxfam-and-World-Vision-Animal-Exploitation/257816742820>

## **LIFEFORCE "MEATOUT" NEWS**

Lifeforce, continues to be extremely pleased with the progress of the growing vegan movement. As seen by international media exposure, the public is accepting vegan lifestyles. When we started it used to be a hard sell for being a vegetarian.

As human overpopulation continues to strip Earth of its resources governments are now recognizing the inevitable need to be a vegan world. People are beginning to realize the consequences of what they eat. Growing numbers understand the links between human health, animal cruelty and environmental degradation if they eat, wear or use animals. United Nations reports state that factory farming is the main cause of Global Warming.

**Background: SOS: Save Our Species**

<http://lifeforcefoundation.org/newsitem.php?id=53> and videos on our web site.

## **LIFEFORCE VEGAN CAMPAIGNS**

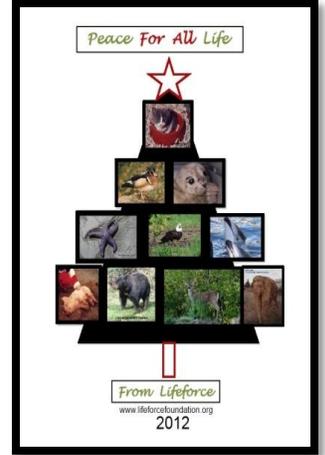
We continue to try to get vegan meals in restaurants such as Subway, Tim Horton's, and Wendy's. Subway added an All Vegan Patty at select locations in Canada. **Call Subway at 1-800-888-4848** to urge the company to add hearty vegan options to all of its menus.

## Lifeforce Fundraising Activities

Donations and memberships continue to “die”. We are looking at ways to increase our financial support. Your moral and financial support helps us continue our important work. Lifeforce has been struggling to survive – we try to continue our volunteer work with annual donations of only \$4,000. If you have suggestions please email us.

Lifeforce attended events in Point Roberts, WA the BC Day Art and Music Festivals. We sold crafts and photos. Thanks to Ann and Leroy Carlson for their beautiful craftworks.

The 2012 Annual Report was mailed out in November. In 2012 time and funds did not allow us to do 2 mail outs to the regular mail lists. However several EcoNews reports were sent to our email list. The Lifeforce designed Holiday thought card – “Peace On Earth For All Life” and Christmas DOs AND DON'Ts are also sent to our supporters. Read: **Peter Hamilton: How to Be Humane for the Holidays** <http://www.straight.com/article-364168/vancouver/peter-hamilton-how-be-humane-holidays>



### Save Lifeforce Photographs and Videos

Can you help our Film Library Campaign raise \$3500 to transfer and edit our film to digital HD format? Lifeforce has a huge library of photography and film. These images are National Geographic class historic and educational treasures that must be saved. As part of Lifeforce's mission to educate people about the opportunities to view nature's wonder without putting animals in captivity. **Please consider a donation by check or Paypal for it is greatly appreciated.**

### Please Sign Me Up for a 2013 Lifeforce Membership/Donation

I WANT TO HELP BY JOINING/RENEWING AND/OR VOLUNTEERING

Membership is only:

\$15 Senior/Student \$25 Individual \$50 Family \$250 Business

Here is my Friends' Gift Membership of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

I want to help your Film Library Campaign raise \$3500 to transfer and edit your film to digital HD format!  
And/or I want to help raise money for the Lifeforce War Memorial Project

Yes! I can donate \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ON LINE NEWS

Please put your email address here to receive our News Updates on line \_\_\_\_\_

(Privacy Policy: Lifeforce does not sell or trade addresses, emails and any personal information)

### Your Bequests

If you want to help the Lifeforce Foundation continue our important work in the future you can leave us a gift in your will. You may wish to bequeath funds for a program of your choice or for the general work and perpetuity of Lifeforce. Program(s) could be given your name for your lasting legacy. Funds will be gratefully acknowledged. A general form of bequest is suggested:

I give, devise and bequeath to the Lifeforce Foundation, located in Vancouver, BC, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and/or (specifically described property).

Lifeforce hopes that you will act now to make sure that your wishes will be carried out.

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