

## Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation

### NEWS RELEASE

#### **'Handmade for the Holidays' craft market – fundraiser for school kids in need**

NANAIMO, 15 November 2016 -- Local charity Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation is holding an event to raise funds for local school children in need.

'Handmade for the Holidays' craft market is set for Saturday, December 10, 10 am to 4 pm, at Nanaimo District Secondary School, at 355 Wakesiah Avenue.

"We're excited about the craft market that will appeal to Christmas shoppers and has already attracted over 30 vendors who will be selling a wide range of items such as jewelry, candles, soaps, T-shirts, and much more," said Crystal Dennison, executive director of Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation.

"The idea of the craft market event came from Jenny Short, who does beautiful artwork and embroidery and is an active member of Vancouver Island's arts and crafts community," she added.

In addition to a wide range of crafts for sale, there will be a snack table and a variety of raffles with items donated by the vendors. All proceeds are going to the Schools Foundation to help school children living in poverty.

Donations (\$2 suggested) will be taken at the door.

Vendors interested in renting a table should visit [www.NLSF.ca](http://www.NLSF.ca) and download the table registration form, or email [nlsfevents@gmail.com](mailto:nlsfevents@gmail.com).

"This upcoming holiday season, let's shop local for gifts made by local people and support local students in need," said Dennison.

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#### **About Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation**

Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation is a community-based, registered charity that raises money and awareness to help vulnerable students in School District 68, which historically has a high child poverty rate. While the original purpose was to raise funds for scholarships and bursaries, the foundation's mission has expanded over the years to helping provide meals, school supplies, clothing, gym shoes, school fees, and other basic needs of students living in poverty.