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Honoured & privileged to work on the ləkwəŋən traditional territory and respectfully acknowledge the people of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. Nətsəmat (We are all One) həyšxwq́ə.













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To: Council < Council@esquimalt.ca>

Subject: A Million Acts of Love Starts in Esquimalt

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Dear Mayor Desigradins and Council,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to share about *A Million Acts of Love*, a global kindness campaign started in Esquimalt and led by my 14-year-old son, Felix Townsin, inspired by his sister, Lexi, who lost her life to complications from Blau syndrome. As a proud Esquimalt family, we are reaching out in hopes of your support for Felix's initiative, which aims to inspire one million acts of kindness by December 16, 2024—what would have been Lexi's 12th birthday.

For some context, Felix's advocacy efforts began at age 5 when he wrote a book to raise funds for medical research, sparking a mission that led him to raise over \$75,000 and connect with researchers in the US and Japan who are now dedicated to curing Blau syndrome. By age 10, Felix began sharing Lexi's story at international medical conferences across Europe, the United States, and Australia. Now, through A

Million Acts of Love, Felix is expanding his reach far beyond rare disease advocacy, uniting people globally to take action and make a positive impact across a wide range of causes.

A Million Acts of Love encourages people to focus on the causes that matter most to them while recognizing the collective power of community action to change the world. As Felix says, "Even though individually we are each dedicated to different causes, we all want a brighter future, and we can't get there alone." Just this week, a child even younger than Felix, demonstrated this spirit by handing out 50 sandwiches with their parent in downtown Victoria. This same week, another participant in India bought meals for 50 children. That counts as 50 acts EACH. These stories are examples of how anyone, anywhere, can make a difference.

We would love your help in spreading the word about Felix's campaign and encouraging our local community to participate. Here are some ways to get involved:

- 1. **Sign up** Join Felix's movement by signing up with just your name and the number of acts of love you commit to. No additional information is required. www.amillionactsoflove.com
- 2. Attend the Launch Event On October 18th at 7pm, Felix will be hosting a benefit concert at the Scottish Community Centre, featuring top local musical artists Leeroy Stagger, Caleb Hart, Daniel Lapp and the BC Fiddle Orchestra, all donating their time to support the campaign. There will also be a free portion of the event from 5:30-6:45 pm, with music by 13-year-old sensation Chase Varnes and the option to buy food at the Greek on the Street Food Truck. All ticket and food sales are donated to A Million Acts of Love Grants, which provide young changemakers with resources to start their own social projects. Felix wants all kids to have the same opportunity he's had to make a positive impact.

Tickets available at https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/a-million-acts-of-love-benefit-leeroy-stagger-caleb-hart-daniel-lapp-tickets-1015081244327

- Shirts and Hoodies Campaign shirts and hoodies are available for purchase, helping spread awareness and showing support.
 Email spreadinglexilove@gmail.com for orders.
- 4. **Business Involvement** Local businesses can participate by:
 - Donating a portion of sales to a good cause.
 - Restaurants can create an A Million Acts of Love meal with donations to a good cause.
 - Displaying a campaign poster or wearing A Million Acts of Love shirts to show support.
 - Offering employee volunteer hours to encourage staff to volunteer for a good cause.

5. **Auction in November** – We will be holding an auction throughout November to raise further funds for *A Million Acts of Love* grants. We are accepting donations of gift certificates and gift cards for this great cause.

We would be honoured if you could attend the event, either the ticketed portion or the free portion. We would also appreciate your help in promoting this initiative to the broader Esquimalt community. Your support would be invaluable in helping Felix reach his goal of one million acts of kindness and in making the world a better place, starting right here in Esquimalt.

Thank you for considering our request. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like more information or have any questions.

Warm regards, Troy Townsin

A Million Acts of Love

