

To all of our faithful members, past and present, and friends of the Society,

Following the move of the Dial-A-Dietitian program from NutritionLink Services Society (“NLS”) to HealthLines Services BC in 2008, NLS has been in the midst of change and looking for a new way to reach its vision of ensuring that British Columbians make healthy food choices a priority. Although our transformation has taken time and patience, NLS’s board of directors is pleased to announce that it is now ready to start its next chapter.

We have established a fund with the Vancity Community Foundation, which ensures that our capital is safely invested while generating a return that can be used by worthwhile projects and programs. By the end of the year, our fund will have generated some income and we will be seeking proposals from like-minded organizations with projects in need of funding. In addition to being in a position to offer some financial contribution, we are hopeful that NLS will also be an active partner in projects focused on the nutritional needs of British Columbians.

NLS as an organization has and will continue to evolve, and we will be looking for people who are willing to join the board and lead the organization through this transition and into the next stage. We will need individuals from a variety of backgrounds. Those who have expertise in the nutrition and health fields can provide valuable insight into the types of organizations and projects that may be keen to partner with NLS, whereas those from other professions can offer complementing skill sets that will assist with evaluating and selecting projects and strategic partnerships.

Increasing rates of obesity and diabetes, as well as an aging population and immigrant groups unfamiliar with local foods are just some of the nutritional concerns facing our society today. Establishing a fund with Vancity Community Foundation provides us with comfort that our capital is properly invested while allowing us to devote our time and energy towards reaching our mission to inform, educate and counsel vulnerable British Columbians in making healthy food choices. The board of directors is excited with this new development and we are optimistic that NLS is now in a position to make a real contribution towards improving the nutrition of British Columbians.

The annual general meeting will take place in June and all active members will receive the details which will be circulated in coming months. If you have any questions or would like to understand more about our evolving society, please feel free to contact Rebecca Morse at [info@nutritionlink.org](mailto:info@nutritionlink.org).