

## **TB VETS CAMPAIGN HELPS RETURN LOST KEYS SAFELY (2005 TB Vets Keytags Are In The Mail)**

(Burnaby, BC) – More than 550,000 TB Vets keytags are arriving at homes throughout British Columbia during the month of January. TB Vets has been helping people in BC keep track of their keys since 1946 and as a result of this fundraising campaign; they have donated more than \$9.5 million dollars to communities throughout the province.

Since starting BC's original key return service, TB Vets has returned over 159,000 sets of lost keys to the people of BC – and that number increases every day! Because so many people are aware of the TB Vets Keytag Program, keys have been returned to their rightful owners from as close as few blocks away to as far as several thousand miles away in other provinces and countries.

TB Vets was created to provide jobs for World War II veterans who returned from overseas service suffering from the disabling effects of tuberculosis and other respiratory ailments. Donations from the key return service provided the veterans with steady, meaningful employment. As the veterans retired, they were replaced by other people with disabilities. As always, these people are involved with all aspects of production, donation processing and returning the lost keys.

Protect your keys and help fellow British Columbians! Your donations allow TB Vets to:

- Purchase vital respiratory equipment for BC hospitals.
- Fund tuberculosis research and education.
- Provide meaningful employment for people with special needs.
- Support the education of future respiratory therapists.
- Offer a therapeutic Spinoza Bear to hospitalized children with respiratory ailments.

TB Vets receives no government funding and relies on the public's generous donations to their keytag program. They also generate revenue by manufacturing products, with proceeds going to support BC communities. For more information on TB Vets Keytag Program or to donate, please call 1-888-874-5626 or visit [www.tbvets.org](http://www.tbvets.org).

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