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NEWSLETTER

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***"We know where the next generation
of homeless youth are.
They are in our primary schools right now."
Tim Huff***

The Compassion Series

Tim Huff is the author of a children's book entitled "The Cardboard Shack Beneath the Bridge: helping children understand homelessness." The book forms the foundation for a program designed to "encourage children to look at their world through the lens of compassion, rather than fear or judgment thereby impacting the way we care for the people in our communities".

This program has been embraced by public and private schools in the Greater Toronto Area and will be rolled out in Calgary in September, 2013.

For more information on "The Compassion Series" go to:

<http://www.streetlevel.ca/program/education/>

***What messages do we give
our children about the homeless?
Do we instill compassion or fear and judgment?
Do we inspire them to take action or turn away?***

BDO Summer Food Drive

The BDO Summer Food Drive is in full swing. Late last summer several tons of unsold produce was collected from vendors at the Farmer's Market and donated to organizations supporting the homeless in Kenora. This year the effort is already underway and promises to be bigger and better than last year. Hats off to BDO for being such great corporate community members, to their employees for coming up with this idea and to the vendors for supporting it!

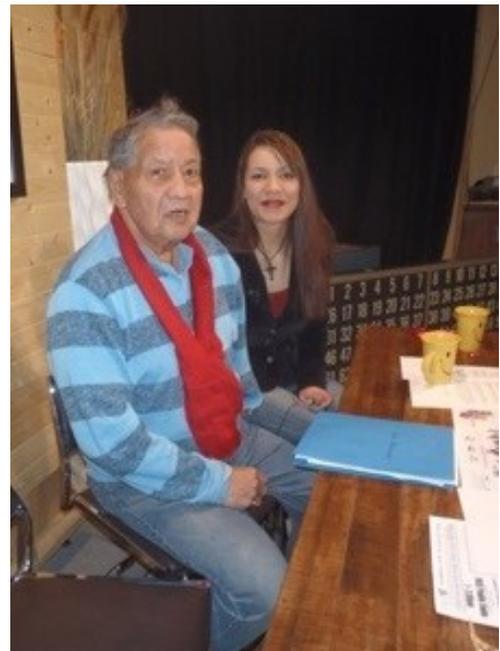
***Do you have a truck
and would you be willing to help collect
and deliver produce on Wednesday afternoons?
Contact Tobi at 468-5531 or twolfe@bdo.ca***

Upcoming Events:

Summerfest is returning to the Minto neighbourhood July 31, 3-5 pm. Come to participate and enjoy this community gathering. For further information or to get your organization involved contact Fay Clark at the Northwest Community Legal Clinic 468-8888.

In August, Making Kenora Home will again be coordinating Summer Picnics that are held at the Fellowship Centre and are open to the public. The meals are served every Saturday at 1:30. We are looking for volunteer chefs, servers and entertainers as well as participants. Call Nan at 468-8888 or 548-5480 for further information.

***Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation.
August is the month when food banks
receive the fewest donations.
Make an office commitment
or issue a challenge to family and friends
to heap up donations
for the food bank of your choice.***



Week of Action Against Poverty 2013

Colin Wasacase talks to Go Kenora morning host Tracy Shier about his experience participating in the 2013 Poverty Challenge.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat Kenora will be fundraising this year in preparation for next year's build. The lot is already paid for and a further \$60,000-\$70,000 will be required. Although Habitat Kenora is a subchapter of Winnipeg Habitat, all money raised in Kenora stays in Kenora.

Public Meetings

re 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan

The Kenora District Services Board will be conducting public meetings in July and August in the communities they serve as well as the unorganized territories. They are seeking public input as they prepare their 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan. If you are interested in attending a meeting the KDSB can be reached at 468-5372.

Farewell

We bid a fond farewell to Karen and Dan Essery, who were instrumental in the formation of Making Kenora Home. Karen was on the executive from the start and played a key role in the development our policies and procedures. Dan brought out the first issue of "Homeless in Kenora", an annual booklet that gives a voice to people who otherwise are often unheard. While we are happy they will be closer to their family, their commitment, skills and compassion will be greatly missed.

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." Sally Koch



The NW Health Unit "Flash Song" team sang "If I Had a Hammer" along with many other teams during the **Week of Action Against Poverty, 2013.**

Among other things, BDO organizes several barbecues a year to raise funds for the Fellowship Centre.



A happy group of BDO barbecue volunteers!