

July 26, 2011

Dear Community Partner,

On behalf of the Project Steering Committee, we are pleased to provide you with a draft report titled "Goals and Objectives for Poverty Reduction in Kingston – Community Report Update – July 2011."

In the early part of 2011, a series of community engagements were held to develop goals and objectives that would form the basis of a strategic plan to reduce poverty in Kingston. This draft report is a summary of the process and outcomes.

The next steps in the development of this initiative will be to:

1. Validate the report by making it available for review and comments.
2. Establish an accountability framework that includes terms of reference and an implementation plan which will involve representatives from various key community organizations.
3. Determine how the project will be evaluated and design tools and measures to create a robust process.

The Project Steering Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this draft report which will be available for review from July 26 – August 26. Recognizing the summer is a busy time for everyone, we have provided four weeks for the review period to ensure those on vacation still have the opportunity to provide feedback. Visit the following link to learn more about the different options available for providing feedback

<http://www.unitedwaykfla.ca/index.cfm/plans-initiatives/poverty-reduction/> or contact Tracy Newton, Project Coordinator if you have questions - 613-546-4291 x 1251 or via email at [tnewton@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:tnewton@cityofkingston.ca)

Thank you to all of the community members, organizations, groups, businesses and government agencies who took such an active role in providing feedback to develop the strategic theme areas. Your involvement in completing the survey, participating in the focus group sessions and attending the workshop contributed greatly to the overall quality of the goals and objectives developed to date. As a community we look forward to working hand in hand with you all as we continue our efforts to reduce poverty. Special thanks to the members of the Steering Committee and their respective organizations for their steadfast commitment to this project.

With regards,

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