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Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative provides necessary support to Kenora Fellowship Centre

Through its Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) is providing financial supports to the Kenora Fellowship Centre in order to meet the increasing need of providing meals to homeless and vulnerable people in Kenora.

The Kenora Fellowship Centre offers breakfast, lunch and dinner services. Until recently, lunch service was provided three times a week on opposing days of the Agape Table at Knox United Church. Following the closure of the Agape Table meal program, the Fellowship Centre recognized a significant gap in meal services and increased their program capacity by providing an additional three meals per week. The Agape Table volunteers ended its service in May due to the renovations taking place at Knox United Church in order to convert the space into a 24/7 Emergency Shelter.

"We are very thankful to the leadership and staff at the Kenora Fellowship Centre for providing the additional support services while the Emergency Shelter conversion is taking place at Knox United Church," says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer at the KDSB. "As a community, Kenora is very fortunate to have community leaders such as Ne-Chee Friendship Centre, Kenora Fellowship Centre and Knox United Church all coming together to make life better and ensure that Kenora is an inclusive community for all residents."

Through KDSB's Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, the Fellowship Centre will now have the ability to maintain the additional resources required in expanding meal programming. Lunch services will be offered six days a week, Monday – Saturday; breakfast services will be offered seven days a week and; dinner services will be offered weekly on Thursday. This increase in service will operate until renovations are complete for the permanent 24/7 Emergency Shelter, which includes meal programming.

The KDSB is committed to addressing and reducing homelessness by improving access to adequate funding and support. The Kenora Fellowship Centre serves the homeless, those living in poverty, working poor, seniors, and people living with physical and mental disabilities of all ages. Food donations and volunteers to help prepare, cook and serve meals are always welcome.

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