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Supports and services to be offered during Service Hub temporary closure

The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) in partnership with the Ne-Chee Friendship Centre, would like to provide the patrons on the Service Hub and the community with an update on supports and services to be offered to vulnerable individuals in the City of Kenora. This update is a result of the announcement issued on July 29, 2019, that the Service Hub would be temporarily shut down for 45 days.

The Service Hubs temporary closure will begin on Monday, August 12, 2019. Support services will be put into place during the Service Hubs 45 day closure. Service Hub staff will be working with patrons over the next two weeks to try to connect those who need a safe place with their family, friends, or, community. Meal programming will be provided through the Kenora Fellowship Centre and the Jubilee Church. Specific meal times and locations will be release closer to Service Hubs August 12th closure date. Ne-Chee Friendship Centre will be offering street outreach to identify immediate supports. "We made a commitment to people when we agreed to operate the Shelter and we are going to do our utmost to honour that commitment and support those forced out onto the street. The Ne-Chee Friendship Centre's immediate concern is ensuring the safety of the patrons that will be displaced by the closure. We are also going to be working diligently during this time, along with our partners, to ensure that the Service Hub is re-opened as quickly as possible." says Patti Fairfield, Executive Director of Ne-Chee Friendship Centre.

"Our top priority is the well-being of the patrons that access the Service Hub. We are indebted to our community partners for their willingness to provide vital support services during this difficult time," says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer of the KDSB. "We will be working to assist in any way that we can to ensure that those in need have a safe place to be and to work with community agencies and homelessness prevention organizations to ensure that systems are put in place to effectively address the changing dynamics and challenges that we see in Kenora."

The KDSB, the Ne-Chee Friendship Centre would like to acknowledge and thank their devoted staff, volunteers, and, community allies. The KDSB and Ne-Chee are sincerely grateful for their compassion and commitment to caring for individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Kenora.

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