



KCCU HELPS DAWN HOUSE RECOVER FROM VANDALISM **Local credit union hosting charity BBQ May 4th**

(April 20, 2017 – Kingston, Canada) Kingston Community Credit Union will be hosting a community barbecue in support of Dawn House between 11:30 and 2:30 pm on Thursday, May 4th, 2017 at 795 Gardiners rd at Taylor-Kidd.. All proceeds will go to Dawn House.

Dawn House recently was vandalized during the construction of their new premises as they seek to provide medium term housing solutions for community members experiencing shelter security issues for various reasons. Formerly a shelter, Dawn House under the leadership of Executive Director Maggie McLaren, has repurposed itself in keeping with the City of Kingston's Report on Housing and Homelessness to provide longer term housing for women and their families who need solutions transitioning into permanent independent living.

The KCCU SOCO (Social Committee) guided by Heather Shortall, Member Service Representative is active in community outreach for KCCU and helped organize this initiative to show local support and provide some financial assistance to help Dawn House recover from the delays caused by the vandalism. The barbecue will be fully staffed and manned by volunteers from KCCU and Dawn House.

Dawn House Women's Shelter was founded in 1986 in response to a housing crisis in the City of Kingston. A diverse group of community individuals and organizations contributed to the setup and establishment as a non-profit, charitable organization. Since 1986 Dawn House has assisted with over 4,500 separate stays for women over the age of 16, with or without children. Dawn House sold their former premises at 302 Victoria Street and has reinvested in a new location to provide affordable assistive housing, transitional housing and wellness supports.

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years ago, and has grown to become one of Ontario's most co-operative-minded and community-oriented credit unions. Over the past five years, KCCU has returned over \$1.7 Million in profits to its members and has donated approximately \$1 Million in assistance to the local community in cash and in-kind.

KCCU has \$146 Million in assets under administration, serving 12,000 members with its four branches downtown at 18 Market Street, at 76 Stuart St. (KGH), in Kingston West at 795 Gardiners Road at Taylor-Kidd, and at Kingslake Plaza at 1201 Division Street. To find out more about KCCU on the web visit www.kccu.ca.

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