

April 2013 Niagara Prosperity Initiative

Fort Erie

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Fort Erie Multicultural Centre	Fort Erie North Rising	Will continue the support programs and referral services provided at the Community House on Bowden Street. Will provide after school homework help and tutoring at the Community House for those living in the Niagara regional Housing units. We will offer workshops (i.e. Stress Management), CPR and First Aid training.	Fort Erie North
The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie	Share Bear Family Math and 'Mazing Math/You're the Chef	Families with at least one child in JK to grade 5 are recruited by their school & meet for a series of 6-10 Family Math sessions with the goal of instilling positive beliefs and attitudes in parents in their ability to facilitate their child's practical mathematical development. Families are involved in preparing healthy, nutritious meals as a part of each session to promote a healthy lifestyle, a sense of community through shared meals and practical application of math skills.	Fort Erie North, Crystal Beach
Niagara Catholic District School Board	Fort Erie Best Start Child and Family Centres	To promote and offer a comprehensive range of coordinated and collaborative family and children's services (i.e. exercise, nutrition, parenting programs, organic garden classes, play based programs), using Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School and St. George Catholic Elementary School as the primary points of service, that are intended to help alleviate the effects of poverty in Fort Erie North, Lakeshore and Crystal Beach neighbourhoods.	Fort Erie North, Crystal Beach, Lakeshore
Heart Niagara	Health Changes Everything	Children raised in poverty face challenges that affluent kids never have to confront specific to their health. A G5 student health assessment focused on heart health will include strategies related to key health behaviours. Analyzed data will inform G5 curriculum which will be imbedded into DSBN lesson plans. Support for participants will include health learning, low cost meal preparation, shopping and budgeting. Families identified for follow-up will receive resources to insure compliance.	Fort Erie North, Crescent Park & Area

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Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region	Reading Rocks Junior-Expansion/Educator Component	Reading Rocks Junior-a literacy program for children 4-6, who are at risk for reading difficulties. Results were collected from previous years and show significant reading gains in participating children. In this 2-year proposal, LDANR proposes to continue to move the program forward by including a new neighbourhood (Yr. 1) and then building sustainability by adding an educator-support component (2nd yr.) to compliment the impact of the original program.	Victoria/Drummond
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Project SHARE of Niagara Falls Inc.	Urban Homesteading	Clients are requesting more programs that teach skills so they can be healthier and reduce grocery and household costs. So we will teach many old-fashioned food skills. This increases food security, offers opportunities for interaction, skill building, civic engagement. Clients and staff have chosen skills - making bread, yogurt, sauerkraut, raising chickens, storing root vegetables - that could provide healthy food year round and skills that can be passed on to future generations.	Victoria/Drummond, Elgin
Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre	NFAMC Tutor Program	This is a tutoring program for immigrants who are working full time or are sick and cannot attend classes in school. Clients will be matched with a volunteer tutor to help them reach a level 3 LINC language level which is required to participate in the LINC home study program, this will help to fill a gap that has been identified by our regional LINC assessor.	Victoria/Drummond

Niagara North Community Legal Assistance	Niagara Youth Social Justice Committee	The Youth Social Justice Committee is a group of youth of diverse backgrounds from local high schools who bring their unique perspectives to address social justice issues facing youth today. The Committee, with the help of a Facilitator, will learn about and discuss local social justice issues affecting youth in the Niagara Region, then decide on an action and bring it to fruition.	Stamford, Beaverdams, Victoria / Drummond, Westlane, Elgin
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Port Colborne

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Port Cares	Choose Your Own Adventure	The CYOA program will run for nine 6 week blocks and 14 one week camps over two years out of the ROFC in the TBN. Groups of 10 per block will focus on education, arts and culture, physical exercise and life skills programming (cultural, socio-economic issues, etc.). Participants will be recognized in an area of strength and have an opportunity to be a mentor in future blocks of programming. Speaker's series throughout the community will allow these mentors to share their growth and experiences.	Three Bridges
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Community Living Port Colborne ~ Wainfleet	Fun in the Sun	A free playground program at Victoria East Village Playground (Three Bridge area) 5 days per week during the summer.	Three Bridges

St. Catharines

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United Way of St. Catharines & District	Niagara Arts & Culture Field Trips (NACFT)	NACFT will provide children and youth from the stressed Manchester neighbourhood the opportunity to experience regional arts & culture venues/events. Such excursions are often unattainable to low-income families due to cost of admission and transportation as well as a lack of knowledge of activities. Excursions will be planned, implemented, and evaluated by neighbourhood youth. Participants will gain the common experience of their more affluent peers and develop an appreciation of the arts.	The Haig
Bethlehem Housing & Support Services	Activities & Community Development	BHSS will hire an Activities Coordinator, for 28 hours/week for one year, to build upon its current and very successful Prosperity funded project. This project, in partnership with the Niagara Artists Centre, would be available to residents of the Downtown neighbourhood and would focus on the arts as a therapeutic means for improving self-esteem, skill development, enhancing social networks, income stability, community connectivity and an overall greater satisfaction with life.	Downtown
Niagara Children's Centre	Best Start Child & Family Centre - Lincoln Centennial	To provide families and caregivers with a point of service/Hub model for universally accessible programs, services and resources that are flexible and adaptable to meet the community's needs in an easily accessible location (Best Start Child & Family Centre). In order to provide this, 11 community partners will collaborate and work together to address and support the needs of children and their families in a low income, culturally diverse, neighbourhood where family input is an integral part	Fairview
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Start Me Up Niagara	Resourcing Beyond Food Plus	The Development Manager hired in year one of Beyond Food Plus has initiated a steering committee and business plan addressing the abundance of garden produce, its distribution and long term sustainability through the creation of a Co-operative modelled Social Enterprise. Initial feedback clearly identified the need for formal specialized consultation and identifying employment positions within the emerging social enterprise.	Queenston, Downtown
Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre	50+ Adult Program (Chop Chop Club)	With a focus on adults age 50+ living, working or volunteering in the downtown and/or Queenston areas we will run a weekly 50+ club which brings together a group of volunteers (newcomer and Canadian) to prepare fresh vegetables for a local soup kitchen (Ozanam). In addition, the group will be offered regular classes and outings around healthy active living, living on a budget, visits to local attractions (informative) etc.	Queenston, Downtown

United Way of St. Catharines & District	Welcome Home	We will work with agencies to provide kitchen start-up kits for individuals moving from a shelter into a home. All kits will include specific items such as dishes, utensils, a pot, dish soap, etc. Individuals & families leaving shelters don't have the funds to buy these necessary items. Many local agencies are able to provide some items, but aren't able to collect and assemble complete kits. Without all of these items, something as simple as cooking and serving a meal would be very difficult.	Downtown
Niagara North Community Legal Assistance	Injured Worker Support Centre	NIWC provides a welcoming place for injured workers, their families and support persons to come and find out information, access services and share stories about their lives as injured workers. It is also a place to come together for common action to change the workers compensation system and to inform others about the need for these changes. It is important that the Centre is a peer supported environment.	Downtown

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Welland

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Faith Welland Outreach	Core Program Funding	Programming at McLaughlin Community House and Kids' and Pee Wee, LifeLabs out of Plymouth School includes music, cooking, sewing, arts & crafts, woodworking, girl talk, games/sports, adult ladies group meetings, and community gardens in the lowest income neighbourhoods of Welland. The core programming has been successful and funded in the past and significant amounts of supplemental programming will be provided via funding from other sources.	West Main, Cordage
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Adolescent's Family Support Services of Niagara	Learning as a Journey	Program and training will be developed in partnership with Pathstone Mental Health on issues related to mental health and empathy. Parents will be provided with skill development and opportunities to build child/parent attachment. This skill development will cover the impacts of disorganized/secure attachment, domestic violence and the links between attachment and caregiver behavior. Physical interactions with their children will be videoed for self-reflections and training.	Cordage
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Goodwill Industries Niagara	Community Engagement Coordinator	Community Engagement Coordination will enhance knowledge, skills and promote independence for individuals in the Cordage Neighbourhood. Information seminars, workshops and activities will be delivered at 1 Churchill Ave. in various fields including budgeting, life skills, etc. Assistance will also be given to individuals by linking them with appropriate community resources/supports. A community support committee/leadership will be established in yr. 2 to continue beyond the project.	Cordage
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The Hope Centre	H.O.P.E Life Skills	Provide guests at the Emergency Hostel physical and recreational activity with the assistance of Niagara College Recreation and Leisure Program. They will provide placement students who will develop and implement the program to the guests as well as train staff in order to continue the program once the placement is completed. Leisure awareness, social skills interaction, leisure activity skills as well as leisure resources will be incorporated into the program.	Market Square