

Fort Erie

Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Neighbourhood
Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit (FEURU)	Kinsmen Pool Together	The Kinsmen Pool, the only public pool in Fort Erie was closed as a budget saving measure by the town in 2011 in favour of a splash pad. A group of individuals have formed the 'Pool Together Campaign' to reopen the facility to provide vital lifesaving instructional and swimming lesson opportunities to the neighbourhood once again. FEURU has signed a lease to be the owner/operator for 5 years (option for additional 5 yr. term), and now assembling the capital/operational funds necessary.	Fort Erie North
The John Howard Society of Niagara	Strengthening Families for the Future	Strengthening Families for the Future (SFF) is a 14 week, 3 hrs/wk. family-focused skills training program for the prevention of multiple developmental problems including school failure, violence, mental health issues and early age substance misuse among high-risk children of all ages. Family factors such as bonding, supervision, and communication are addressed as protective factors which help children to achieve family stability and education that build skills to overcome poverty in the future	Fort Erie North
United Way of St. Catharines & District	Brushed Aside: Dental Care Access Program Expansion	This project will allow the Brushed Aside program to expand to partner with agencies in Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Welland and Niagara Falls. In 2014, the Brushed Aside program began as a pilot project to provide access to dental care for 120 adults in need of treatment through a partnership with five agencies in St. Catharines. The project has been very successful in St. Catharines and there has been a great demand to expand the project to partner with other agencies across Niagara.	Crescent Park & Area
WARM Niagara	Breaking Barriers Initiative	Due to the cyclical relationship between poverty, mental health and addictions (concurrent disorders*), access to addiction treatment is both an intervention and prevention resource against poverty. In an initiative to address the unique barriers that prevent women from accessing addiction services, WARM Niagara is launching the 'Breaking Barriers Initiative' to promote accessible service by breaking the barriers of Child Care and Transportation leading to healthy communities.	Fort Erie North, Crystal Beach

Grimsby

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Foundation of Resources for Teen	I'm Worth It!	The FORT is preparing to launch its new line of programming called "I'm Worth It!" Based on successful trials, the basis of this program focuses on preventative measures of poverty reduction by providing key life skills workshops such as money management, job search assistance, resume building, volunteer opportunities, healthy eating and food preparation, homework help, and tutoring. This program was created as a proactive measure to address local poverty rates among youth.	Grimsby Lakeside, Grimsby Beach, Downtown

Lincoln

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Niagara West Adult Learning Centre	Read Learn Grow	Recognizing that a parent is a child's first teacher, Read Learn Grow will continue to assist parents in rural communities to gain the literacy skills needed to help their child succeed in school. New to these RLG sessions will be an increased focus on working with the parents to build a strong community based network of support. Feedback from the first sessions indicated that the need to be connected and engaged with other parents in their home community was a missing support for the parents.	North Beamsville
Niagara West Adult Learning Centre	Niagara West Community Garden Collective	Currently in Niagara West there are two community gardens in operation and one slated to open this year, each in a separate community. The Niagara West Community Garden Collective (NWC GC) will bring together all of the gardens to form a collective gardening group working with combined resources and knowledge to benefit all of the gardeners and the Niagara West communities. This Collective will also incorporate learning activities such as healthy diet, exercise and food preservation.	North Beamsville; Vineland

Niagara Falls

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CMHA Niagara	Mental Health Coach	A Full Time Mental Health Coach with expertise in crisis intervention to support the YWCA Niagara Region shelters in working with individuals who are experiencing mental health and addiction issues that interfere with their ability to secure housing. By connecting individuals to mental health and addictions services and increasing the YWCA's staff capacity to support it will further stabilize the clients and therefore improve their ability to connect to community and move out of poverty.	Downtown
Project SHARE	Empowering Partnerships Program	This program series of 10 workshops will be conducted by industry experts to empower and educate people living in poverty by improving health, food security and increasing personal, social, human, financial & physical assets. Each month a new workshop will be offered multiple times to improve access. Some of the topics we plan to offer are baby food making, dental hygiene, landlord & tenant rights, financial literacy & navigating public transportation. Neighbours would share their knowledge.	Westlane, Elgin
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Port Colborne

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Community Living Port Colborne ~ Wainfleet	Cool Kids Club	There will be a variety of sessions offered at the Center for Community Living, which is located in the Three Bridges Neighbourhood. Sessions will include: music, arts and crafts, getting your G1, cooking, piano, cosmetology, ball hockey etc. Children and youth from the Three Bridge Neighbourhood, as well as other neighbourhoods, will be able to access the after school sessions at no cost. Sessions will run every Mon and Wed from 6-9pm at one hour intervals.	Three Bridges Neighbourhood
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Regional

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Community Care St Catharines and Thorold	Niagara Region ID Clinic	Housing Help Program will reach the targeted goals by continuing to offer ID clinics throughout the Niagara Region. Staff will facilitate the acquisition of ID and make referrals to shelters, food resources, health care, legal services, case management & crisis support. A Safe/Bank is available for people needing a secure place to store their ID. Without ID, people don't have the ability to access supports and resources in the community.	
Niagara Furniture Bank	Youth "Bed and Dresser" program	Youth transition from RAFT to bed/sit rentals so our full apartment service is not economical as it is a flat rate for delivery. Youth need either bed dresser or bed & chair or bed & desk. Single bed & dressers are scarce so we would need to purchase new stock to subsidize donated goods. Niagara Region has agreed to a new service for youth: "Bed and Dresser" at a new low rate; Canadian Tire will provide a sturdy small dresser at 50% off retail and RAFT will be our initial referring agent.	
Niagara North Community Legal Assistance	Injured Worker Support Centre	The Centre is a place for injured workers to find support, information and to come together for common action to change the workers compensation system. The Centre offers capacity building workshops in employment and mental health issues. There are also speakers and trainings on issues concerning WSIB. Participation in Centre will help injured workers break out of their isolation and get involved in their community. A fundraising strategy will help to provide an office and sustain the Centre.	
YWCA Niagara Region	Leadership Summit for Women	The Leadership Summit for Women is an intergenerational, region-wide, inclusive, and accessible event to discuss, evaluate and celebrate women's leadership and promote women in leadership to effect positive change for all of Niagara.	

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Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold	Community Gardens - Torosian Park	The aim of the project is to introduce the learning tools necessary for lifelong growing of food & promoting healthy lifestyles. Specifically it provides gardening space & all necessary items for participants to grow & harvest their own fresh produce. Sharing knowledge & expertise supports the project with the goal of increasing fresh produce for participants. It is intended for residents of Niagara Regional Housing, clients of Community Care & those without gardening space.	The Haig, Queenston, New Western Hill
Community Care St. Catharines and Thorold	Hardest to House Case Facilitation	The position is an intensive case facilitator for the HF program and hard to house trusteeship participants. Research from federal programs demonstrate that this particular group is most successful in their recovery with intensive supports. They require more physical supports to keep & get to appointments, social & other supports to ensure required follow through is done. Project has to be for 2 years to build a holistic, service with demonstrated value to improve their socioeconomic status.	Queenston, Downtown St. Catharines, Carlton-Bunting, Merriton, Facer, Fairview, New Western Hill, Grantham East & West, Port Weller
Links for Greener Learning Inc.	Agro-biodiversity Gardens	Our project will raise awareness amongst newcomers to Canada and to the Niagara Region about growing their own food, introducing them to local community gardens and sustainability. We will educate and provide them with an opportunity to grow their own organic food (local and cultural) and encourage them to share their traditional recipes with long time Canadians and other newcomers and volunteers.	Carlton/Bunting

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Links for Greener Learning Inc.	Links for Greener Kids	Students & families learn nutrition, growing & environmental Ed while supplementing their diet with healthy, organic vegetables. Seasonal fun, hands-on growing, cooking/tasting activities will be implemented in 2015 for children/families. Families/volunteers will care for/harvest gardens over summers and enjoy Harvest Celebration party in their neighbourhood.	Merriton
Niagara Centre for Independent Living	Ramp it Up	Ramp it Up, launched in 09-14 thru NPI, empowers persons with disabilities living in poverty to advocate for themselves, their families and peers to increase access to safe/affordable housing and income supports. 6 months in, our Peer Mentors are excited to "ramp it up" by expanding their areas of expertise (DTC, RDSP, disability supports); training a new group of Peer Mentors and providing direct community service at weekly Pop In "clinics" and online thru Social Media.	Queenston
Niagara Children's Centre	A researched Based, Summer Family Literacy Program for Kindergarten Children at Risk for Literacy Difficulties	A summer family literacy program for children identified as at risk in key foundational skills in emergent literacy (e.g. letter name, phonological awareness) that may impact on their success moving forward into their second year of FDK. Early intervention. This proven, researched program adapted with permission from the original authors is offered by professionals trained in literacy. It focuses on educating the parent, instruction for the child and then bringing the two together for practice.	Grantham East, Grantham West, Fairview, Facer
Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre	Eating Healthy in Canada	Newcomers are asking for help to navigate the confusing and media driven Canadian food system- where to find the healthiest foods in grocery stores; shopping at farmers markets & local farms; learning about grocery store sale flyers; dangers of processed & fast foods; introducing local vegetables/fruits & planning menus with them; cooking together & sharing recipes with unfamiliar foods; introducing community gardening. All of this increases food security and health and lowers food costs.	Downtown, Carlton / Bunting

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Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre	MCAP+: Merriton Children's Afterschool Program Plus	After-school programming 2 d/wk., PD day programming 4x/y (new) and 2x 1 week of summer programming in July and August (new). Activities including homework help, arts & crafts, sports, life skills etc. for children age 6-12 run out of the AMCC located in Merriton. Supported by program staff and community volunteers as well as the establishment of a youth council that will be established in the second year.	Merriton
START ME UP NIAGARA	Expressions	Finding voice using a variety of art forms including video, drawing, poetry, music. Using the creations to tell stories about the lived reality, hopes and dreams of people who face social exclusion as their voices having little space in community dialogue.	Queenston, Downtown
Start Me Up Niagara	Home at Last. Home to Stay.	Stabilize housing placement for individuals with histories of homelessness by providing a range of needed services not available at this time to assist them retain housing and work on issues that have negatively affected them causing repeated bouts of homelessness. Included are in home supports, basic necessities, coaching, individual counselling and life skills courses that assist them through period of transition to staying housed and ending homeless recycling. New model.	Queenston, Downtown, The Haig
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Westview Christian Fellowship	Westview Centre4Women	WC4W is responding to the expressed needs by the Queenston area women combating the effects of poverty. While providing this growing community experience we have acquired many more school aged children over the summer months than anticipated. Our intention is to provide summer child care for children ages 7 through 12 years of age, for the months of July and August 2015 off site while mom attends WC4W.	Queenston

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Faith Welland Outreach	Faith Welland Outreach - McLaughlin Community House Programming	Programming includes music, cooking, sewing, arts, crafts, woodworking, girl talk, afterschool homework help, summer program, reading, and community gardens. A new funding source (OTF) has allowed staff to be hired to develop and implement programming for teens. New programming does not currently have funding for program costs beyond labour paid by OTF. Developing the teen programming is expected to have substantial positive social impacts with mentorship and leadership training.	Cordage
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Niagara Peninsula Homes	New Pathways for Adult Learners in Welland	The project offers training, alternative learning and personal supports to adult learners who have "fallen through the cracks" of traditional educational institutions. This project will assist unemployed individuals interested in achieving their high school diplomas with individualized workshops, one-on-one coaching, valuable certificates and work placements to support them in both achieving their OSSD and gaining valuable skills and experience to assist them in finding sustainable employment.	Cordage, Market Square, West Main, Eastdale, Welland South
The Hope Centre	Social Enterprise Catering Pilot Project	We would like to hire two of the graduates from the Food Service Training Program part time to pilot the next phase of the training program: a social enterprise catering business. One of the grads has previous experience in marketing and event planning and would be responsible for securing contracts for catering. The other graduate has previous experience in food services and would be responsible for overseeing the food prep/catering portion.	Cordage, West Main, Market Square, Chippawa Park

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Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre	Making Healthy Choices	Our project will stimulate the awareness of participants' physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being and build positive community connections and long term friendships, with a strong focus on the senior citizens and those with mental health problems in the designated neighbourhoods by providing yoga/fitness/nutritional sessions as well as workshops to educate the community about mental health awareness and coping strategies for mental health problems.	West Main, Market Square

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YMCA of Niagara	YMCA Youth Club	YMCA Youth Club is an innovative program offered free of charge to kids in grades 3-6 at St. Mary's School in Welland. This program runs 2 1/2 hours a day, 5 days a week. The program focuses on health, wellness, nutrition, academic support, physical activity and developmental asset building. This program includes a foundation of quantitative research to determine the impact on the physical and emotional health of the children it serves.	Cordage

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