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Fort Erie

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Fort Erie Multicultural Centre	52 Jarvis Street 905.871.3641	Housing Coach	The project is prevention based via a one-one dedicated Housing Coach (HC) for adults and families in FE who are homeless, or at risk of being homeless. The HC will provide front-line help with housing crisis situations and mitigating common barriers to persons living in poverty such as lack of phone and transportation. In addition, the HC will play a role in developing direct service guidelines to enhance direct service and inter-agency collaboration in the context of housing.	Fort Erie North
Links for Greener Learning	43 Church St. Suite 502 905.401.2614	Garden-Fresh Food Every Time (Summer and Winter)	Garden-Fresh Food - Every Time extends our growing season. Participants learn to grow vegetables adapted to the conditions in the Region, and learn cooking and preserving skills (NFMC staff will bring preserving expertise). One new garden for 20 newcomer and low income families living in Merritton (Eastmount Park) will be built. Two cold frames in our five current community gardens will be built with the support of DSBN (DIG IT), and 3 harvest celebrations and 2 farm vegetable garden visits.	Fort Erie North
Niagara Children's Centre	567 Glenridge Ave 905-688-1890	Summer Family Literacy Program	A summer family literacy program for children in low SES households identified as at risk in key foundational skills in emergent literacy (e.g. letter name, phonological awareness) that will facilitate their success moving forward into grade 1. A unique union of direct intervention with children by trained professionals while simultaneously coaching parents on how to facilitate the early literacy skills in their child.	Fort Erie North, Crescent Park & Area, Fort Erie Lakeshore
The Salvation Army - Fort Erie Community & Family Services	255 Gilmore Rd. 905-871-1592	Rent Bank	The Rent Bank will expand homelessness prevention in Fort Erie to aid low income households by assisting with rent arrears and rent deposits as a 0%, no penalty loan. As eligibility will be based on a declination for OW's emergency assistance through HSF and income below the LIM, many households previously excluded from rental assistance will be stabilized. Assistance will be for no more than 2 months of arrears or rental deposits and applicants may reapply after repayment of loan.	Crystal Beach, Fort Erie North, Fort Erie Lakeshore

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Grimsby / Lincoln / West Lincoln

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Employment Help Centre	4520 Ontario Street 905-563-9675	Niagara West Community Garden Collective	The NWC GC will continue to grow the 3 established community gardens and in response to gardener requests, will incorporate more cooking and preservation classes / workshops, will pilot a new Children in the Garden program and will investigate the addition of other existing gardens to the Collective. In addition, the NWC GC will establish a volunteer program to assist with garden operation and community outreach.	North Beamsville, Vineland / Jordan, Caistor
FORT	25 Adelaide Street 905-309-3678	The FORT Empowering Youth	Building on the success of our after school programs in Smithville & Caistor, the FORT will continue its mission of youth empowerment by expanding our teen programs while sourcing support and creating new partnerships in the communities we now serve. The FORT is the only free youth service in the West Niagara region, and programs must be expanded to meet the growing need. This project is offered to all youth despite economic barriers to assist in their positive growth and development.	Downtown, South Grimsby, Caistor
Niagara West Adult Learning Centre	4271 Queen Street 905-563-1515	Financial Literacy Workshops	For individuals living on a low income, making the most of their money is a primary concern. Complicating this is a lack of knowledge about how exactly to do that. Not understanding topics such as budgeting, banking & financial services or credit basics can lead to financial mistakes or missed income opportunities. Using the Prosper Canada Financial Literacy curriculum, the NWALC will offer Financial Literacy Workshops (FLW) for the residents of Niagara West.	Casablanca & Area, Downtown, Grimsby Lakeside, North Beamsville, South Grimsby, Caistor
Niagara West Adult Learning Centre	4271 Queen Street 905-563-1515	Skills to Work (STW)	Skills to Work will assist low income adults in Niagara West by providing the training needed to gain in demand skills and successfully connect to the workforce. The training will be unique, be provided locally and be free of charge to participants. The three partners will each deliver components of the program NWALC the pre-employment, NVEC the skills training and EHC the employment and job search. Combining all three into STW creates a one stop training opportunity for participants.	Casablanca & Area, Downtown, Grimsby Lakeside, Grimsby Beach, North Beamsville, Vineland / Jordan, South Grimsby, Caistor

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Hannah House Maternity Home	4761 Chrysler Ave 905-353-8552	Rock Solid	RS is a 40 week life skills program facilitated by HH staff and collaborative community agencies and taught to young, pregnant and parenting women under the age of 21 experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. RS addresses the skills necessary to reduce risks associated with homelessness and associated levels of poverty, such as education, employability, income, shelter and the health of the women and their babies. RS combines Home with a Heart and Skills of Success curriculum.	Elgin, Drummond / Victoria
Heartland Forest Nature Experience	8215 Heartland Forest Road 905-356-7384	Inclusive Summer Adventure Camp & Winter Break Camp	For the last five years Heartland Forest has offered an inclusive summer camp with up to 40% of campers having an identified disability (ADHD, learning, developmental, etc). Fees and transportation are barriers for many families in our neighborhood. We would like to provide 90 children with a week of summer camp and 10 children with a week of winter camp. The camp experience will expand the campers' social views, enhance skills both physical & learning, increase self esteem and provide hope.	Drummond / Victoria, Westlane
Heartland Forest Nature Experience	8215 Heartland Forest Road 905-356-7384	Work Experience Program for Adults with Disabilities	Since our inception, Heartland Forest has nurtured an environment where youth and adults of all abilities have worked alongside each other. With funding support we would like to pilot a one-year structured and goal-oriented work experience program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This initiative will remove barriers and increase equitable access to participation in community life & workplace opportunities through the development of knowledge and skills.	Drummond / Victoria, Chippawa / Rural, Westlane
Project SHARE of Niagara Falls Inc.	4129 Stanley Avenue 905-357-5121	Housing & Homelessness Case Facilitation	An Intensive Case Manager specializing in mental health and addictions will help further the goals of the 10 yr Niagara Region Housing & Homelessness Action Plan, (HHAP). This worker would further goal #2 "to help people find & retain their home".	Drummond / Victoria, Elgin, Chippawa / Rural, Westlane
The RAFT	17 Centre Street 905-984-4365	RAFT Niagara Regional Housing Summer Camp	Daily Summer camp program provided in NRH priority neighbourhoods. Programs offered include sports/active games, arts, crafts, educational activities, field trips, special events & cultural learning opportunities. Camp includes healthy breakfast and snacks. No cost for participation. Program will expand the existing summer programming offered through our After School Matters program. The camp will reduce isolation, provide constructive activities, and child minding support to for working parents	Drummond / Victoria

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Niagara-on-the-Lake

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Port Colborne

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Community Living Port Colborne~Wainfleet	100 McRae Avenue 905 835-8941	Young Fun	Young Fun is a no cost afterschool/early evening program for children and youth aged 4 - 21 years of age. We will also offer free parenting classes once per month. We will also have a child/ youth worker on hand for those requiring support.	Three Bridges, Stonebridge, Wainfleet
Open Arms Mission Welland	22 Fifth Street 905-788-3800	Food Central Learning Garden	Food Central Learning Garden will be growing organic produce in a 5000 square foot garden. Garden Volunteers will be trained in all aspects of gardening (planning, planting, weeding, harvesting, marketing, and care of the different produce) with ongoing support. Garden Volunteers have access to produce for personal use as well as produce supporting the OAM Food Bank/Community Meal with any abundance being sold at the Market stand. Volunteers will get a % of sales and a % supporting the project costs.	Stonebridge
Port Cares	92 Charlotte St. 905-834-3629	Community Garden	Community Garden -Farm to Table project- This initiative will involve expansion of the current community gardens in the 3 Bridges Community to include safe food handling, meal preparation, cooking and canning produce grown in the garden. The Facilitator will introduce participants to basic gardening skills, do food demonstrations at the food bank & provide workshops in nutrition. Participants will learn self sufficiency & have the opportunity to learn & socialize in a unique garden setting.	Three Bridges

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Autism Ontario Niagara Region Chapter	36 Page Street, Suite 401 905 682-2776	AOA (Autism Ontario Adult) Summer Day Camp	AOA Summer Day Camp for adults with ASD who have high support needs offers a supported program in a vacation-like setting to combat isolation & allow campers choice in activities of interest to adults that encourage social interactions & build skills	Queenston
Community Care St. Catharines and Thorold	12 North Street P.O. Box 575 905-685-1349	"A Clean Start" Laundry Program	Individuals will be able to access vouchers from the Housing Help Centre to use at a partnering laundromat to do a load(s) of laundry. The laundromat will provide change to the client upon arrival to do their load. Community Care will also provide a bus ticket, if required and laundry soap.	Downtown, The Haig, Fairview, Lakeport, Queenston
Greening Niagara	111 Church Street 289-434-0474	Niagara's Food Forest	Niagara's Food Forest will reduce poverty in St.Catharines' Queenston St neighbourhood by expanding the FTT and enhancing CG, Niagara's most productive community garden. By constructing a LW/PH adjacent to the garden and planting more fruit trees, access to locally grown food for area residents will improve. This initiative also includes a series of workshops designed to teach residents how to grow food in limited spaces such as balconies.	Queenston
Links for Greener Learning	43 Church St. Suite 502 905.401.2614	Garden-Fresh Food	Garden-Fresh Food - Every Time extends our growing season. Participants learn to grow vegetables adapted to the conditions in the Region, and learn cooking and preserving skills (NFMC staff will bring preserving expertise). One new garden for 20 newcomer and low income families living in Merritton (Eastmount Park) will be built. Two cold frames in our five current community gardens will be built with the support of DSBN (DIG IT), and 3 harvest celebrations and 2 farm vegetable garden visits.	Downtown, Carlton / Bunting, Grantham West, Merritton
Links for Greener Learning	43 Church St. Suite 502 905.401.2614	Links for Greener School Yards	This project will address food security, nutrition education, and civic engagement for students, their families, and neighbours within the communities around Lincoln Centennial School, St. Christopher School, and a future partner school in 2017.	Fairview
Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre	85 Church Street (905) 685-6589	Health Attack - After School Program	An after school program for children age 6-12 with a healthy living focus 1x per week in 2 different locations as well as PD Day and March Break camps through out the school year. The weekly program will allow the participants a chance to access and learn about healthy foods while also participating in weekly activities. The second year will introduce community dinners in addition to the after school program to bring together the families of the participants.	Downtown, Lakeport

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Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre	85 Church Street (905) 685-6589	Summer ESL for Adults and Children	1/2 day summer ESL classes (mornings) for newcomers to Canada coordinated with a summer program for newcomer children age 6-12 that enables the clients to continue to learn English over the summer months while their children are in programming.	Downtown, The Haig, Fairview
Start Me Up Niagara	17 Gale Crescent 905-984-5310	Expressions	Finding, sharing voice using a variety of art forms & presentation methods to encourage participation, sharing of interests & talents. Creates new voice & spaces in community for those who are excluded. Highlights abilities.Changes perceptions.	Downtown, Queenston
Start Me Up Niagara	17 Gale Crescent 905-984-5310	Income Matters	Increase income level - the most significant social determinant of health. Maximize income from all sources and develop the tools and skills to manage. SMUN's 1st step - income tax filing up to date and apply for all tax related credits. Secure a bank account, develop basic financial literacy are next steps. Locating in our Centre makes it possible for some MI who cannot receive services elsewhere (past histories,behavior) to access program. Generate \$1.5 million in returns/income for MI / year.	Downtown, Queenston
The RAFT	17 Centre Street 905-984-4365	RAFT Niagara Regional Housing Summer Camp	Daily Summer camp program provided in NRH priority neighbourhoods. Programs offered include sports/active games, arts, crafts, educational activities, field trips, special events & cultural learning opportunities. Camp includes healthy breakfast and snacks. No cost for participation. Program will expand the existing summer programming offered through our After School Matters program. The camp will reduce isolation, provide constructive activities, and child minding support to for working parents	The Haig, Fairview, Old Western Hill
Westview Centre4Women	124 Queenston St. 905 687 4848	WC4W Production	Project will help in combating social inclusion, will give a voice to the voiceless and be a source of empowerment. Will be utilized as an educational tool for our ladies as well as the community by attending the preformance. Open and Affirming	Queenston
Westview Centre4Women	124 Queenston St. 905 687 4848	Westview Centre4Women	Women of all colour,sexual orientation,religion or economic status need a place to call their own. WC4W offers"no agenda"services to assist in the war against poverty and meet the needs of our community.This opens doors,breaks barriers,empowers women	Queenston

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Wainfleet

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Faith Welland Outreach	380 South Pelham Road (905) 735-6811	Deinistoun Outreach Staffing	Faith Welland Outreach has long provided successful programming at McLaughlin Community House proposed to be expanded to the Deinistoun neighbourhood. Programming includes cooking, sewing, arts, crafts, woodworking, girl-boy talk, after school homework help, summer program, reading, and community gardens. Successfully implementing the outreach to this new neighbourhood (Deinistoun) requires dedicated staffing for the initial phase of service provision.	Ontario Road / Dain City, Welland South
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Oak Centre	24 Dorothy Street 905-788-3010	Engaging People with Serious Mental Illness Towards Employability	The project involves engaging people with serious mental illness in the planning, execution, presentation, participation and evaluation in a clubhouse conference. This offers an opportunity for people from across the region to gain work and practical experience in order to increase their employability skills. Oak Centre's members refresh and renew their employment skills by work related activities daily in preparation for employment. The conference will enhance this experience.	Marketsquare
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Regional

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Positive Living Niagara	120 Queenston Street, St. Catharines 905-984-9694	Niagara Poverty Reduction Network Speakers Bureau Coordination	Positive Living Niagara will offer coordination support to the Niagara Poverty Reduction Network's Speakers Bureau. The agency will roster speakers for the network and connect them to potential speaking engagement requests. It will recruit and train speakers for the Bureau and offer semi annual meetings of the speakers for training and presentation material refreshing. The agency will also assist in refreshing presentation materials and promotional materials the Bureau.	
United Way of St. Catharines & District	63 Church Street, Suite LC1, St. Catharines 905-688-5050	Brushed Aside: Dental Care Access	This project will allow the Brushed Aside Dental Care Access program to continue to provide access to dental care for adults in need of treatment through existing agency relationships. 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 agencies in St. Catharines.	