



## Media Release



### **Soup Kitchen Access for NRH Affordable Housing Tenants**

NIAGARA REGION, November 13, 2014 - Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) and Niagara Falls Community Outreach have joined together to improve tenants' access to the Community Soup Kitchen on St. Lawrence Avenue in Niagara Falls.

The NRH Seniors building on Buckley Avenue will be connected to the Community Soup Kitchen through a sidewalk and gate allowing seniors easy access to lunches and dinners at the soup kitchen. "We appreciate that this partnership with Niagara Falls Community Outreach will support our tenants by allowing them easy access to a hot lunch or dinner, especially during the winter months. It also gives them an opportunity to socialize with each other over a nutritious meal," said Shirley Cordiner, NRH Board Chair.

The Community Soup Kitchen has operated for over 29 years and guests are a cross section of society including all ages from single mothers with new babies to lonely senior citizens. Many face the challenges of unemployment, seasonally based employment, or fixed incomes. Some are dealing with physical, emotional, or mental challenges. Anyone in need may come to be fed with no personal questions asked. "We noticed recently that Buckley seniors are struggling to get here, so it made sense for us to partner with NRH and give them easier access through a gate between our properties", said Elaine Upper, NFCO Chair. "This way they can have nutritious lunches and dinners. It also means that they don't have to eat their meals alone." In 2013, the Community Soup Kitchen served over 42,000 meals.

The gate and pathway will open officially on Monday, November 17 at 3:30 PM.

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