Poverty Research Centre to Change the Conversation in London

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London, ON - A new collaborative initiative, the London Poverty Research Centre, is set to begin its work in changing the conversation regarding poverty in the London community. Details will be released at a media conference on Tuesday, April 8th, 2014, 11:00 a.m. at King's University College in the Andy & Helen Spriet Learning Commons, Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, 266 Epworth Ave, London.

Senior officials from the Sisters of St. Joseph, the London Food Bank, volunteer members of the Centre's Task Force along with funders and partners including the London Community Foundation and King's University College will provide details on the new Centre.

On December 2nd, 2013, the London Community Foundation announced funding in the amount of \$250,355 to support the creation of The Poverty Research Centre. The Centre is a joint venture of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the London Food Bank and is guided by a volunteer Task Force. Its bold vision is to see an end to poverty in London.

"Of course, the Centre cannot achieve this vision on its own," says Sister Sue Wilson of the Sisters of St. Joseph. "However, we believe the centre can play a key role by providing all Londoners with an accessible pool of relevant research, analysis and promising practices that can create real change in our city."

"It will take all of us to make a collective impact on the issues associated with poverty in London," says Jane Roy, Co-Executive Director of the London Food Bank.

Also attending the media conference will be secondary school students from Social Justice Clubs along with King's students and faculty who will engage in research for the Centre.

Parking available in lot P1 on north side of Epworth.

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