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Members of the Community Action Group on Homelessness (CAGH) are asking citizens in and around Fredericton to continue to support their efforts during this challenging period to serve people who are currently experiencing homelessness. CAGH is a joint initiative of over 30 non-profit organizations, government representatives and community leaders working together to end persistent, long-term homelessness in Fredericton.

While we appreciate anybody working towards helping the vulnerable population, we share concerns regarding the safety and effectiveness of actions by certain individuals who do not represent any of the groups working with CAGH, or our faith-based community partners.

Certain individuals have been soliciting funds and donations from the public while inferring that they are affiliated with CAGH member organizations. These individuals have also shared images of people experiencing homelessness and have offered services that they have not been able to maintain or safely support. In addition, there has been activity on social media and with people experiencing homelessness that could undermine trust in the homelessness serving partner organizations in Fredericton. Collaboration among our CAGH affiliated organizations is vital.

For more than a year, CAGH has sponsored the work of a **By-Name List Committee**, a coordinated approach by the organizations affiliated with CAGH to identify all people experiencing homelessness in our community and to provide coordinated access for them to housing and supportive services.

There are other new and exciting developments underway in the city that will go a long way to addressing homelessness during the next year. We ask the public to support the CAGH affiliated organizations leading these developments or to make a specific donation to the United Way Central NB in support of "Out of the Cold" initiatives this winter.

Thank you,

Joan Kingston, Chairperson of CAGH



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