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2020 Child Poverty Reduction Reinvestment Funding more crucial than ever during COVID-19 Pandemic

At its December 2020 Board Meeting, the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) awarded its 2020 “Child Poverty Reduction Reinvestment Funding” (CPRRF) to community-led initiatives across the District of Kenora.

Funding provided through this program assists over 1,000 children annually across the District, which equates to approximately 20% of children meeting eligibility for assistance. This funding opportunity is provided solely by the Municipalities and Unincorporated Territories that comprise the KDSB’s Board.

The Board of Directors of the KDSB fundamentally believes that all children need and deserve equal access to organized sports, community activities, and food security.

“The COVID-19 Pandemic has had a tremendous impact on families and children across our District, especially low-income and working poor families. In these challenging times, we must make sure that we do all we can to ensure children and youth in our communities have equal opportunity to access these vital programs, and that we support community partners in making certain that children do not go hungry,” says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer of the KDSB.

In total, the KDSB will be providing funding to ten programs throughout the District:

Northwestern Health Unit Nutrition on Weekends Program (<i>Ear Falls, Machin, Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls, Sioux Lookout, Dryden, Red Lake</i>)	\$40,645
Nutrition on Weekends Rotary Club of Kenora	\$21,500
Making Connections for Children and Youth	\$3,000
Ignace Nursery School Parent Cooperative	\$2,100
Mary Berglund Community Health Centre Hub	\$3,150
Kenora Triple Play	\$18,000
Ignace Public School Loonie Lunch	\$7,000
Beaver Brae PASS Program	\$4,000
Minto Parent and Child Resource Centre	\$6,000
Red Lake KARE Kids Are Recreationally Equal	\$7,000
Ear Falls Child and Family Supports Enhancement Program	\$2,950
Sioux Lookout P.R.O. Kids	\$14,800
Total	\$130,145

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“Through our Child Poverty Reduction Reinvestment Funding, we can help make sports, recreation, and food security more inclusive, affordable and accessible for children and families in need through projects and programs that are local, community-based and demonstrate positive outcomes,” says Sarah Stevenson, Director of Integrated Social Services at the KDSB.

Through the CPRRF, the KDSB looks forward to working with and supporting like-minded organizations in implementing programs that increase the overall well-being of youth in the District of Kenora.

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