



## MEDIA RELEASE

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Tuesday, December 16, 2008  
Peterborough, ON --

### HERBERT STREET FIRE

A group of community agencies, including Salvation Army, St. Paul's Peterborough Elementary School, Peterborough Northumberland Victoria and Clarington Catholic School Board, Peterborough Housing Corporation, Peterborough County-City Disaster Trust Fund and the City of Peterborough Fire, Emergency and Risk Management, Social Services and Housing divisions met this morning to discuss the coordination of assistance for the Herbert Street fire victims.

The fire, which took place during the early morning hours on Sunday, December 14, 2008, has left 8 families homeless. Immediate temporary lodging needs for the victims has been coordinated through the Peterborough County-City Disaster Trust Fund.

The Peterborough Housing Corporation will have permanent accommodation for 7 of the 8 families by the end of the week and are working diligently to find accommodation for the remaining victims.

Household items, such as appliances and furniture are a priority for the new accommodations. St. Vincent dePaul is accepting donations of house wares, appliances, and furniture. Items must be in excellent condition and in good working order. Donations may be dropped off at St. Vincent DePaul, located at 256 Murray Street. Please call in advance at 742-2585 to arrange donations of large appliances and furnishings.

St. Paul's School community is coordinating new clothing for all victims.

The Salvation Army will be providing all impacted families with Christmas Food & Toy Hampers and will also be providing new beds for each family member.

Food donations are being accepted through Kawartha Food Share located at 665 Neal Drive.

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