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Annual Homelessness Action Week in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley

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(Vancouver, B.C.) – Across Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, organizers are preparing for the annual Homelessness Action Week made possible by the region's Council of Community Homelessness Tables. The week will include Homeless Connect service fairs for people who are homeless, public events like film nights, and a public awareness campaign.

This year's theme is "Housing is the difference. Community is the connection."

"The Community Homelessness Tables are local groups that play an important role in providing leadership, information and locally focused strategies for homelessness," commented Jonquil Hallgate, chair of the council. "Those individuals at the local level help to make communities more welcoming and inclusive."

As in previous years, events are planned throughout the region, including Homeless Connect events for people who are homeless or insecurely housed. Find details of HAW events in municipalities across the region on the calendar at www.stophomelessness.ca.

Highlights:

- > Join an event in your community:
 - o Burnaby: Connect Day, October 17 burnabyhomeless.org
 - o Maple Ridge: Community Inclusive Food Truck Festival
 - o New Westminster: Week of events, October 12-18 nwhomeless.ca
 - o North Shore: Connect Day, October 17 northshorehomelessness.org
 - o Richmond: Connect Day, October 17
 - o Surrey: Connect Day surreyhomeless.ca
 - o Tri-cities: Connect Day, October 18 <u>tricitieshomelessness.ca</u>
 - o Vancouver: Connect Day, October 17 vancouver.ca/homelessness-action-week
 - o White Rock: Public Forum, October 9

To find out more about all Homelessness Action Week and events, visit <u>www.stophomelessness.ca</u> Visit our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages for more information.

About Homelessness Action Week

Homelessness Action Week is organized by the Metro Vancouver & Fraser Valley Council of Community Homelessness Tables. The week focuses on increasing awareness and action around homelessness and promotes events for people who are homeless as well as for the general public around Metro Vancouver and communities throughout B.C.

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