**Canadians care – especially on Canada Day**

PETERBOROUGH – Picnics, barbeques, fireworks, concerts and a whole lot of red and white will mark this July 1st at community events and in backyards across Canada. It’s a day to celebrate Canada’s “birthday” and celebrate the things that make us “Canadian”.

Abacus Canada surveyed Canadians in 2017 and came up with a list of the top 100 things that Canadians are most proud of. The top 10 are:

1. Freedom to live as we see fit
2. Terry Fox
3. Open mindedness towards people who are different
4. Our politeness
5. The Rocky Mountains
6. Maple Syrup
7. Our enjoyment of the outdoors
8. Our reputation around the world
9. Multiculturalism
10. Our sense of caring for the world around us

Embracing #10, the Kinsmen Club of Peterborough is helping the people in our local community by supporting Kawartha Food Share – and they invite you to join them with food or cash donations.

Visit the Kinsmen Fireworks Trailer at John Dewar’s AutoSource at 1175 Lansdowne Street West in Peterborough. This year marks the group’s 25th Annual Fireworks Sale with proceeds this year benefitting KFS.

The Fireworks Trailer will be open:

Wednesday, June 27: 5pm – 8pm
Thursday, June 28: 5pm – 8pm
Friday, June 29: 11am – 8pm
Saturday, June 30: 9am – 8pm
Sunday, July 1: 10am – 7pm

The KFS recently purchased a shiny new refrigerated truck that enables them to increase the amount of fresh food they distribute from their warehouse. In fact, they have a new arrangement with long-time supporter, Costco providing a variety of fresh produce six days a week to the people who visit the KFS warehouse.

Community grants from Food Banks Canada, the Peterborough Police Services Board plus a $7500 commitment from the Peterborough Kinsmen made the purchase of this truck possible.

## ****"This truck is really a dream come true and couldn't have been possible without our local service groups who believe in our cause and want to help us in the fight against hunger in our community," says Kawartha Food Share's Ashlee Aitken.****

The Kawartha Food Share approached the Kinsmen last fall with the project plan to buy the truck, outlining the agreements they were working on with Walmart and Costco, and sharing with the Kinsmen information about the people in the community who need the KFS’ services. It was a message that stuck with Kinsmen Barry Craft all winter and he was determined to find a way that the service club could help the KFS and the people they support.

Craft confirmed that while $2500 of the funds are expected to come from proceeds through the Kinsmen TV Bingo program, the balance of their $7500 commitment is projected to be raised through the sales of fireworks.

And that’s where you come in! Whether you’re looking for spiralling pinwheels and sparklers or something grander – or bright, colourful and loud – to mark this Canada Day, you’ll find a fantastic selection at the Kinsmen Fireworks Trailer.

Oh, by the way, Tim Horton’s came in at #26. You can find the full list at <http://abacusdata.ca/what-stirs-canadian-pride-the-full-list/>.

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