

Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction

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October 15, 2012

Attention: Christopher Newmand
Clerk, Board of Health
City of Hamilton

Dear Members of the Board of Health:

Re: Good Food Box Proposal

The Hamilton Community Foundation and the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction work collaboratively on many initiatives related to community health and the reduction of poverty in Hamilton. We have read with interest the proposal from Environment Hamilton and the Community Food Stakeholder Sub Committee for the development of a pilot project to provide 'easy food boxes' of fruits and vegetables to single individuals in receipt of Ontario Works. As you are aware, individuals on Ontario Works are living in deep poverty making it next to impossible for them to acquire fresh fruits and vegetables.

To facilitate the development of pilot project and determine the feasibility of providing 'easy food boxes' to individuals on OW, *the Hamilton Community Foundation and the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction will commit to provide up to \$10,000 for an evaluation of the one-year project.* We look forward to working with the Board of Health and City staff as this important initiative develops.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal,

Tom Cooper



Director
Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction