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Dear Friends,

This is your invitation to join Poverty Free Saskatchewan (PFS) today!

Poverty Free Saskatchewan (PFS) is a new network of individuals and organizations working toward poverty elimination. PFS recognizes there have been groups working hard for decades in all regions of our province. We intend to build on this work by supporting the development of a province-wide network.

PFS is being initiated with the involvement of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - Saskatchewan office, Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry, Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Coalition, the Social Policy Research Unit at the University of Regina and the Saskatchewan Association of Social Work. But this is only the beginning. We want to connect to and involve as wide a range of individuals and groups as possible to shape our actions as we move forward.

Our mission is to advance the well-being of all Saskatchewan individuals, families and communities by promoting the development and adoption of effective, measurable and timely policies and programs to eliminate poverty in Saskatchewan. We believe that poverty elimination requires wide-ranging involvement and commitment from many stakeholders.

Our first step to date has been to create the enclosed discussion document, *Let's Do Something about Poverty!* It outlines the current situation in Saskatchewan regarding economic inequality and the extent of poverty in the province. This document is intended to inspire conversations around the province. We are certain *Let's Do Something about Poverty!* will encourage a renewed dialogue on poverty and foster new and innovative proposals and solutions from concerned organizations and individuals like you. We will be releasing this document at a media conference on October 18th. We encourage individuals who live in poverty, community-based organizations, businesses, and governments to get together over the course of the next months and discuss the questions listed on the back of the document. Drafting an action plan describing a comprehensive and integrated anti-poverty strategy will follow.

You are welcome to explore the PFS website - www.PovertyFreeSask.ca - for further information about our values, our beliefs, what the PFS network looks like, and what work has been done to date. We also welcome any questions and suggestions that you might have.

We would like to identify as many participants as possible prior to our upcoming media conference on October 18th. If your organization would like to support our announcement of Let's Do Something About Poverty and wishes to have its name on PFS's media briefing, please contact either of our co-chairs below. There will also be many other opportunities to participate in PFS activities and we welcome your involvement now or in the future.

We'd love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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