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Soup Tasting Event Helps Manitoba Children Succeed in School Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba Hosts Third Annual Stone Soup

WINNIPEG, MB Feb. 25, 2015 – The Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba (Council) invites Manitobans to come for lunch **March 11, 2015** from **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** for our **Third Annual Stone Soup Fundraiser**. Enjoy soups created and served by some of Winnipeg's best chefs, and make a charitable donation to support Manitoban school nutrition programs. The Council organizes the annual public soup-tasting event to help raise funds and awareness for its healthy school meal and snack programs that feed academic success and long-term health.

Since 2001, Council-funded programs have served nearly 20 million healthy breakfasts, snacks and lunches to Manitoba schoolchildren. In this current school year alone, the charity will support 61,000 meals every week.

“For some children in our programs, the breakfast we provide is their first and last meal of the day,” said Viola Prowse, Executive Director of Council. “It’s important to know that a single \$20 Stone Soup donation will feed a child a breakfast for an entire month at school.

“We’re hopeful that more donors and corporations will see that our programs focus on immediate need as well as education and the future. Every school day, we give kids sustenance so they can focus on academics while they learn about and practice healthy eating. At home, some kids have never had broccoli or a carrot, or an orange or pineapple, so we give them that.”

Stone Soup donations of \$10 get three soup-tasting tickets, bread and fruit. Guests who give a \$20-dollar donation or more will receive the above plus a Stone Soup cookbook. Donations at \$10 or more are tax deductible. **Donations can be made at the Stone Soup event or online any time at www.childnutritioncouncil.com.**

All guests will be encouraged to vote for their favourite soup at the event.

WHO: Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba
WHAT: Third Annual Stone Soup Fundraiser
WHEN: **Wed, March 11, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
WHERE: **Manitoba Hydro Place Lobby, 360 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg**

About the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba:

The Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba is a charitable organization that works exclusively with Manitoban schools and community organizations to facilitate nutrition programs that take the focus off hunger and onto learning. The Council supports more than 200 school and community-based breakfast, snack and lunch programs across the province, serving more than 20,000 children and youth annually. Since 2001, the Council has served nearly 20 million healthy breakfasts, lunches and snacks to Manitoba children.

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