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WRYM to be on the street for A Cold Day's Night Out - February 23

The Executive Director (pro bono) of the Windsor Residence for Young Men (WRYM) has invited friends and supporters to join him on the street for **A Cold Day's Night Out**. The fundraising event is meant to raise needed funds to support WRYM programs for homeless young men. On **Friday February 23**, Greg Goulin and friends will spend his 69th birthday on a vacant lot at **415 Ouellette Avenue in downtown Windsor from 3:00 PM** until they can't take any more.

Participants will raise funds for WRYM with pledges based on the hours they will last into the night. "I thank them because I have already been admonished that my participation is crazy," says Goulin, "but our guys are worth it. I might need the moral and physical support of those who join me to make it through the night."

Goulin encourages well-wishers to stop by to lend their support, even though they have no intention of spending the night. "We could never duplicate the desperation of the homeless," he says. "The rules of participation allow anyone to leave the lot at any time with the knowledge that they have a warm home, hot bath and a good meal to return to – something the homeless might only dream about."

To support transitional living for young men, donors can also visit the donations section of WRYM's website at www.wrym.ca or e-mail greggoulin@cogeco.net with your name, full address including postal code and the amount of your pledge, per hour or in full. This information is needed to issue charitable donation receipts for amounts over \$20.

The Windsor Residence for Young Men is a charitable organization that supports young men as they leave homelessness behind to build new lives. WRYM assists 50-60 young men each year, and provides a supportive functional family, often the only family "our guys" have ever known, with a staff of women and men in the roles of aunts, uncles or older siblings. Our family delivers individual counselling and teaches basic life skills such as hygiene, food acquisition and preparation, budgeting, social responsibility and work ethic. We work together to end homelessness.

- In 2017, WRYM served 91 young men with its Transitional Housing, Aftercare and Outreach programs.
- In the Transitional Housing program, 45 clients were served and 40 of them have been discharged.
 - 28% returned to extended family
 - 32% transitioned to community programs appropriate to their needs
 - 38% transitioned into independent living

WRYM is sustained by community generosity. Its total operating budget is \$396,504.

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Photo attached, caption - On Friday February 23, Greg Goulin and friends will spend his 69th birthday on the street for A Cold Day's Night Out.

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