



Partnership Development Update – Katie Allen

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### **Data Collection for the Report Card**

I continue to provide assistance to partners regarding partnership development, and the use of the database/website. I have been focussing the majority of my time collecting, and inputting actions into the database to assist Anca in the preparation of the 2013 report card. The new partner's sustainability actions will be included in the 2013 report card. Thank you to all that have emailed/uploaded their sustainability actions. It will be a great report card!

### **New Recruitment**

Sustainable Peterborough has had an exciting year! Sustainable Peterborough has been able to grow by 4 new members, with another pending board approval. We are happy to update that we have been able to include:

**Black Honey:** A local café and catering service that promotes local economic development, and uses as much local food in their menus as possible.

**Kawartha World Issue Centre (KWIC):** The Kawartha World Issues Centre (KWIC) is a grassroots and charitable Global Education and Resource Centre which promotes dialogue and understanding of world issues to enable people to engage in positive social and environmental change.

**Circle Organic Farm:** Circle Organic is a small community-based family farm in Millbrook, Ontario, producing fresh, quality organic food for Peterborough and the surrounding area. Circle Organic Farms grow over 70 types of vegetables, fruits and herbs, and a wide range of flowers. They also have a booth at the Farmers Market. All of their farming is done by hand; they are certified organic and are deeply committed to growing their food with the highest ecological standards in mind.

**The Food Forest Café:** Is a new vegan restaurant in Peterborough; they source out most of their produce from local organic farms, donate all their food scraps to be composted, encourage people to bring their own takeout containers or charge 25c for their own biodegradable takeout containers. The Food Forest Café also hosts many workshops including: plant based living, growing and healing with herbs, the truths about and dangers of GMOs.

**The Warming Room (pending approval):** Is a program that provides a warm room, blankets, and a mat for vulnerable people in the community over the winter months.

### **Moving Forward**

To date, there have been 30 potential partners contacted, and meetings set for January. There is a growing list of potential partners, and I will continue to research, and recruit new partners for 2014. If committee members have any suggestions for potential partners, it would be much appreciated if you could please email me at: [kallen@gpaedc.on.ca](mailto:kallen@gpaedc.on.ca) with the details and I would be happy to connect with them.