

To: FDFA Community

Re: Support for Niagara Community Outreach

Please pass my thanks on to the Duty Free Community for their generous support of the dinner we hosted for Community Outreach.

A good number of Duty Free suppliers and operators attended and along with some very generous donations from suppliers and operators who could not attend we were able to raise over \$10,000!

Community Outreach has operated in Niagara Falls for 25 years. Last year alone the program provided over 40,000 meals to those in need. That's over 100 meals per day! The program is 100% volunteer and is not government funded.

Over the last year, our fundraising efforts have been focused on raising \$250,000 to purchase the building we are operating out of.

With this dinner and other fundraising we are now half way there.

The goal of the Niagara Community Outreach is to alleviate the pain of hunger and homelessness by providing nutritious meals, other basic supplies and emergency shelter, free of charge, to persons of low income in an atmosphere of acceptance and safety. The organization is carried on without purpose of gain for any of its members. Approximately 300 dedicated people

from various churches and the public at large give generously of their time and talent to make this program possible.

My special thanks to Laurie Karson and her staff, who aided us in informing the association members about this event. With the convention back in Niagara Falls next year we look forward to holding an even bigger event and hope to see everyone once again at a great dinner and for a worthy cause.

Thank you,
Jim Craig
Niagara Duty Free