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### **New Executive Director at Surrey Urban Mission Society**

John Wolff, Chair of Surrey Urban Mission Society (SUMS) is pleased to announce **Michael Musgrove** as the new Executive Director. “Michael has solid organizational skills combined with the experience and commitment required to manage a diverse not-for-profit organization like SUMS. As a long time resident of North Surrey, Michael knows the community and its challenges first hand.”

SUMS is a faith based, volunteer driven, community kitchen that provides food and clothing to those in need in Surrey’s Whalley neighbourhood. Stats Canada has identified Whalley as one of the poorest communities in Canada.

“Food is the basic of all human needs said Wolff. At SUMS we want to do that well, consistently and with caring hearts – that is our core goal.” SUMS serves over 7,000 meals each month to those in need in Surrey.

“I am excited about working at SUMS, this is what I was called to do” said Musgrove. “The goal of the Board of Directors has given me at the Mission is a simple one,” claimed Musgrove, “to serve 2 meals a day and provide a place to get out of the cold and share a meal with friends. While the goal is a simple one, getting there within the framework and fiscal reality of the mission, is the challenge. My personal goal is to do that in an environment that is respectful for our guests and the community in general.”

Musgrove said, “Although the task of providing 7,000+ meals each month seems ominous given our budget, there is something almost miraculous about the mission, somehow it just works. With the generosity of so many volunteers and donors, gifts come through our door just at the right time.”

The face of the people at SUMS could be that of the working poor, men, women, children and seniors, it is those that are homelessness, living in poverty, dealing with mental illness, or disabled – it is our neighbours and it could be you or me.

Please consider helping. Volunteer and, if you can, give. We all can play a role in making Surrey Whalley a better place.

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