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Tunnel In Coffee House Revival
Benefit Concert for the Social Development Centre Waterloo Region

Saturday June 24, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Trinity United Church Fellowship Hall, 74 Frederick St, Kitchener

The 1960's was an era of social and cultural change and innovation. Locally, the **Social Planning Council of Kitchener-Waterloo** was formed and one of their first projects was explore how to support and engage youth. From this, the youth led **Tunnel In Coffee House** was launched and operated in downtown Kitchener into the 1970s. The 2017 **Tunnel In Coffee House Revival** celebrates the 50th anniversary of both organizations.

The Tunnel In Coffee House was a popular outlet for youth and a cultural hub that gave local musicians a platform to develop and share their artistry. Many original Tunnel In performers are returning for the 2017 Revival. Performers include **Daniel Kramer, Darrell Martin, Glen Soulis, Helen Basson, Terry Jones** (Perth County), **Ted Parkinson, Philomene Hoffman, Jeffrey Beckner** and more. There will also be a silent auction and snacks.

The Social Planning Council, re-named the Social Development Centre Waterloo Region in 2015, continues to work on social development and social justice issues. Jeffrey Beckner of Many Hattts Productions, an active supporter of the Social Development Centre for many years, initiated the Tunnel In Revival. The Tunnel In program coordinator as a teen, Beckner proposed a joint 50th anniversary celebration as a fundraiser. According to Beckner, "The Social Development Centre is one of the most innovative organizations in the region. For over five decades it has been a pioneer of fundamental community and social services development. I am aware their funding has been cut which is very short sighted. The Centre is community driven and cutting edge and I want to support the progressive, vital work they do".

"I am excited to have this opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Social Development Centre in such a fun way" commented Brad Ullner, Vice President of the Centre's Board of Directors. "This is an opportunity to reflect back on our early work and the changes we have helped to make happen in our local community. I hope this event can introduce our work to new audiences."

Tickets for the Tunnel In Revival are \$15 and are available at the Social Development Centre 74 Frederick St., lower level or by phone (519) 579-3800 or online at www.waterlooregion.org. Silent auction donations are welcome.