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### **Southwest Detroit Community Development Corp. Receives \$100,000 CAD Grant for Food and Wellness Programs**

DETROIT, Michigan - The Southwest Detroit Community Development Corp. (SDCDC) announces the receipt of a \$100,000 CAD grant (approximately \$70,000 USD). Partial funding for the initiative has been provided by the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan. The Gordie Howe International Bridge project is a new border crossing between Windsor, Ontario, and Detroit, Michigan, and is designed to improve cross-border trade and transportation, while delivering social and economic benefits to local communities. The grant will allow SDCDC to expand its efforts in addressing food insecurity and promote holistic well-being among Southwest Detroit residents.

“For years, the SDCDC has been a pillar of support in this community, but now more than ever, with the increasing need and the renewed resilience of our Board, we are excited to implement these strategies to uplift our neighbors,” said Lambert W. Gates, Sr., Board chair. “This grant will allow us to take a holistic approach to improving the health and well-being of Southwest Detroit residents—through food distribution, nutrition education, and critical support for seniors and the unhoused. We are deeply grateful to the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority for partnering with us to strengthen food security, reduce social isolation, and expand access to vital community resources. Together, we are building a stronger, healthier Southwest Detroit.”

The grant will support several essential programs, including:

- **Expanded Food Pantry Services** – Increasing the availability of nutritious food for individuals and families in need.
- **Health and Dietary Workshops** – Providing education on healthy eating habits and nutrition.
- **Fitness and Exercise Programs** – Encouraging physical activity and promoting active lifestyles.
- **Senior Feeding Programs** – Ensuring that elderly residents receive nutritious meals and social engagement.
- **Summer Feeding Programs** – Addressing the nutritional needs of children when school meal programs are unavailable.
- **Homeless Outreach** – Delivering essential food and resources to unhoused individuals in the community.

**About Southwest Detroit Community Development Corporation (SDCDC):**

Founded in 2002, SDCDC is a non-profit organization committed to the revitalization of the Southwest Detroit community. Through initiatives focused on affordable housing, education, workforce development, and social services, SDCDC empowers residents to lead self-sufficient and fulfilling lives.

For more information about SDCDC and its programs, visit [www.swdcdc.org](http://www.swdcdc.org).

**About the Gordie Howe International Bridge Project:**

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project, managed by the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), includes a robust community benefits plan designed to support local communities in both Canada and the United States. The plan prioritizes initiatives that foster social, economic, and environmental improvements—aligning with SDCDC’s mission to empower residents through essential services and programs that enhance their quality of life.

Visit the Gordie Howe International Bridge Project at [www.GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com](http://www.GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com).

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