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The Niagara Poverty Reduction Network Welcomes New Leadership for 2020

The Niagara Poverty Reduction Network (NPRN), which is a collective of over 30 agencies and individuals working to wipe out poverty in Niagara through education, collaboration, and advocacy to address poverty's root causes, welcomes new leadership starting in 2020. Aidan Johnson will become the Chair of NPRN, while Jennifer Gauthier steps into the role of Vice-Chair.

Aidan Johnson is the executive director of the Niagara Community Legal Clinic. He replaces Glen Walker, who served as Niagara Poverty Reduction Network chair for four years. "The anti-poverty work of our Niagara Community Legal Clinic is a good fit with the social justice mandate of NPRN," Johnson said. "I'm excited to be working with the NPRN team to empower low-income people in Niagara, and to eliminate the scourge of poverty in our region."

Jennifer Gauthier is the executive director of Women's Place of South Niagara. Gauthier has previously served on NPRN's Business Engagement Priority Table, and is looking forward to joining the leadership team for NPRN over the next two years. "The challenges faced by women and children living in poverty are seen firsthand at Women's Place of South Niagara, many women fleeing domestic violence face poverty and homelessness," said Gauthier. "I'm excited to support the NPRN in addressing the barriers faced by those living in poverty and to help educate our community on the importance of paying a Living Wage."

In addition to his ongoing duties as executive director of Positive Living Niagara, Glen will continue to serve on the NPRN steering committee as Past Chair. "I'm delighted to be passing the torch as Chair to two worthy leaders in the Niagara anti-poverty sector," Walker said. "Our NPRN team provides outstanding education and advocacy in the social justice field in the region. We're looking forward to a great new decade, starting in 2020. The challenges of poverty elimination are bigger and more important than ever."

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