



## **MEDIA ADVISORY June 8, 2016**

### **Local groups launch food policy council to create sustainable food system**

(London, ON)- On Thursday, June 16, the collaborative team of Middlesex County, the City of London, Middlesex-London Health Unit and London Community Foundation will be engaging the community on the topic of food policy. Join us, as we release the Community Food Assessment and call for applications to form the Middlesex-London Food Policy Council (MLFPC).

**Who** London Community Foundation, Middlesex County, Middlesex-London Health Unit, and the City of London

**What** Release of Community Food Assessment and call for applications to the Middlesex-London Food Policy Council

**When** Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016: 10:20AM-11:30AM

**Where** Covent Garden Market (Mezzanine), 130 King St London ON

**Why** The Community Food Assessment and London Food Policy Council are the first steps to building a sustainable food system for our community.

**Photo/Interview opportunity: following the event at 11:30 a.m.**

#### **Agenda:**

##### **Welcome and Introduction**

Martha Powell, President & CEO, London Community Foundation

##### **Highlights from Community Food Assessment**

Ryan Turnbull and Trevor Benson, Eco-Ethnomics Inc.

##### **Community Testimonials**

Andrew Fleet, Chef

Mark Cosens, Local Farmer

Mayor Matt Brown, City of London

Marcel Meyers, County Representative, Board of Health

Jesse Helmer, Chair, Board of Health

**Food Policy Council Announcement**

Jane Roy, Co-Director, London Food Bank

**Closing Remarks**

Martha Powell, President & CEO, London Community Foundation

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**About Middlesex-London Food Policy Council**

Recognizing the need for the Middlesex London community to come together to create a sustainable local food system, the Food Policy council will coordinate community efforts to create systems change and work as an advocate to address food insecurity in our community.