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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

### Housing Department announces innovative H.O.P.E Housing Program

#### For immediate release

**(Kahnawake – 8, Seskehkó:wa/September 2014)** The Housing Department of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke is pleased to announce an innovative program aimed at a demographic sector of Kahnawà:ke single parents with children which are a vulnerable sector of the community. The Home Ownership Program Enhancement (HOPE) is designed to help those community members achieve a better life for themselves and their children through a four year job readiness program featuring affordable housing, training/education and a home ownership savings plan.

HOPE is geared to individuals willing to work with Social Development Case Management; a collaboration between the Housing Department, Social Assistance Department, a Mentor chosen by the applicant and other partner organizations in order to identify a long term case plan toward achieving success.

#### **Eligible applicants must:**

- Be twenty one (21) years of age or older, registered on the Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Registry
- Be a single parent and have children under the age of eighteen (18)
- Not already own a house or have owned a house
- Be unemployed, or under employed
- Be willing to take an academic assessment and follow a comprehensive case management plan
- Be willing to enter a 2 year educational or vocational program
- Not have current criminal proceedings

The intake process for eligible applicants begins on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on Wednesday, October 15, 2014. As the process is intricate, it is necessary that those interested in completing an application contact the Housing Department by calling 450-638-0500 to schedule a meeting with Case Management representatives Leah Horn or Ashley Oake.

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