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***Media Advisory
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MP Bevington hosts Forum on Homelessness, Poverty and Closing the Prosperity Gap

**Presenting Centre for Northern Families
and Salvation Army with 50 blankets**

YELLOWKNIFE – Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington and NDP Social Policy Critic Tony Martin (Sault Ste. Marie) will host a ***Forum on Poverty, Homelessness and Closing the Prosperity Gap*** on Friday, August 17 from 1-4 p.m. in the Yellowknife Public Library meeting room. The guest list includes representatives of local non-profit organizations and all levels of government.

During this forum the Insurance Brokers Association of Canada (IBAC) will present Mr. Bevington with 50 blankets as part of their "Purple Blanket Program on the Hill." He was one of six Canadian MPs chosen to receive these blankets, which will be donated to local charities. Mr. Bevington has chosen to give 25 blankets each to the Centre for Northern Families and the Salvation Army.

Participants will discuss solutions to end poverty and homelessness across the Northwest Territories and Canada. Martin launched the NDP's "End Poverty in Canada" campaign in 2006.

"We need to deal with the widening prosperity gap in the North and how it relates to cost of living, housing and transportation challenges, just to name a few," said Bevington.

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