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Sarnia Lambton Home Response Collaborative Hosts Spring Conference

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Sarnia, ON - "A Community Response to Hoarding" is the theme of the Sarnia Lambton Home Response Collaborative's third annual spring conference.

The event, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, will feature Keynote Speaker and Author Judy Batalion, who will share her personal experience of growing up as the child of a hoarder.

Other topics to be discussed include: animal hoarding, vulnerable occupancies, the extreme clean program, and legal issues relating to vulnerable tenancies.

The conference will be held at Living Hope Christian Reformed Church, 1281 Exmouth Street in Sarnia.

Tickets, \$125 each, are available online by visiting www.theinnsarnia.ca/tickets.

The Sarnia Lambton Home Response Collaborative was formed in 2012 in response to issues of hoarding becoming more recognized as an issue locally. A partnership was formed between representatives of Sarnia Fire Services and the County of Lambton Housing Services Department. Several community meetings were held to determine gaps and how to move forward as a community to better respond to emerging issues. The focus of the Collaborative is to provide education and training opportunities. The Collaborative does not limit its attention to hoarding, but also addresses issues such as pest infestations, vulnerable tenants/seniors and those with complex medical issues.

Members of the Collaborative also include the Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department, Sarnia Police Services, Sarnia & District Humane Society, March of Dimes, Lambton Elderly Outreach, Steve's Pest Management, Behavioural Supports Ontario, Winmar Property Restoration, Skyline Properties, Steeves and Rozema, and the County of Lambton's Social Planning & Children's Services, Building Services, and Emergency Medical Services Departments.

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