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## GTA Communities gather to raise funds for Homeless Bus Shelter and Online Food Bank

**Vaughan, Ontario, Canada –** Around 35,000 Canadians are homeless on any given night, and overall at least 235,000 Canadians experience homelessness in a year. Every month, hundreds of thousands of Canadians access food banks to make ends meet. In March 2018 alone over 850,000 people were helped by food banks in Canada.

In response to these urgent needs, Humanity First is launching two initiatives to help the needy by providing food and shelter to those in need.

Humanity First has expanded its existing Food Bank services by initiating an Online Food Bank that will give marginalized Canadians access to food from anywhere across Canada.

In addition to online food bank, to tackle the issue of homelessness, Humanity First is converting a coach bus into a temporary mobile shelter that will provide 20 beds and hot meals to homeless in GTA.

To raise funds for first re-purposed coach bus and for other humanitarian projects, Humanity First Canada is holding its Annual Charity Fundraising Dinner on:

**Date:** Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Registration at 6:00pm

Venue: Toronto Grand Convention Centre

Address: 30 Baywood Rd, Etobicoke, ON M9V 3Y8

**Ticket:** \$70 per person | Corporate table of 10 for \$1000

Commenting on this project, Dr. Aslam Daud, Chairman Humanity First Canada said:

"Over the years Humanity First has been actively working in assisting homeless in various parts of Canada by providing hot meals and warm clothing. With homeless shelters in Toronto at their capacity, this bus will provide temporary relief in the coldest days of the year."

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## ### About Humanity First:

Humanity First is an International Non-Profit Charitable Organization established to promote and safeguard the preservation of human life and dignity. Humanity First is a non-political, non-sectarian international relief and development agency that works with communities around the globe to improve the quality of life for some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Directors, Officers and Aid Workers of Humanity First are unpaid volunteers. Humanity First has been granted a special consultative status with the United Nation's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

In the past, Humanity First has responded to various natural disasters in Haiti, Nepal, Bangladesh, Philippines, Caribbean and Indonesia, Ebola relief in Africa, Hurricane Sandy Relief efforts in USA East coast, famine in north east Africa, Japan tsunami, Haiti earthquake and Pakistan floods. Locally in GTA Humanity First runs a large Foodbank. For further information and media inquiries, please visit our website <a href="http://www.humanityfirst.ca">http://www.humanityfirst.ca</a> or email to <a href="mailto:info@humanityfirst.ca">info@humanityfirst.ca</a> or call 416-440-0346.

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