Briefing Note to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Note d'information au ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile

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ADDITIONAL TOURS OF KINGSTON PENITENTIARY IN SUPPORT OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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Background:

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As part of this year's United Way Charitable Campaign, the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington United Way, which is chaired by CSC's Acting Senior Deputy Commissioner, Lori Macdonald, is offering tours to the public of the now closed Kingston Penitentiary with proceeds going to the United Way Campaign. The tours of the facility are running for 15 days only, from Wednesday to Sunday from October 2 to 20, 2013. The tour includes a typical range, the shop, hospital, aboriginal grounds, and the recreation yard.

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