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Foundry Kelowna back open on Kirschner

Kelowna, August 12, 2019 ~ One month after a small fire broke out in the kitchen, Foundry Kelowna has re-opened its doors on Kirschner Road.

The youth mental health hub had been operating out of Central school on Richter Street since July 17th. The temporary move was due to a small kitchen fire, which caused smoke damage to the entire centre.

Shelagh Turner, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Kelowna Executive Director, says crews have been working around the clock for the past four weeks. “The team at Okanagan Restoration has been committed to getting us back into our offices on Kirschner Road as quickly as possible. We are extremely grateful to them, to the Central Okanagan School District for opening up the school for us, and to the community as a whole that has come forward and stepped in to help us navigate this situation. It has made all the difference in allowing us, and our partners at Foundry Kelowna, to continue to provide the same level of service to youth and families during this time.”

Regular programs and services have now resumed at Foundry Kelowna. The kitchen and youth lounge, which was where the fire originated, will remain closed while renovations to that area are completed.

For anyone who has questions about appointments or group meetings, please call Foundry Kelowna at 236 420 2803.

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The CMHA Kelowna Branch is a charity that promotes the mental health of all through community-based programs and services, public education, advocacy and research. It is the lead agency and operator of Foundry Kelowna an integrated youth and family centre that unites partner organizations to provide coordinated services addressing the primary care, mental health, substance use, counselling and social service needs of youth aged 12 - 24 and their families. CMHA Kelowna is part of a network of more than 10,000 CMHA volunteers and staff in more than 80 branches across Canada. www.cmhakilowna.org.

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