



# THE JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF MANITOBA, INC.

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### THE JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF MANITOBA WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - The John Howard Society is very pleased to announce the appointment of John Hutton as the JHS Executive Director. "We are thrilled to welcome John to the organization! He brings enthusiasm, knowledge and a strong sense of leadership," said Andrew Woolford, Chair of the JHS Board of Directors. "I cannot imagine a better person for the position and we are optimistic that the organization will prosper under his management!"

A Winnipeg social worker and mediator, John has more than 25 years of experience working and/or volunteering in the field of social services. Having earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Winnipeg in History, John then attended the University of Manitoba where he completed a Master of Social Work degree in the area of social policy and administration. Most recently, John spent almost five years at the United Way of Winnipeg as a manager in the community investment department, overseeing United Way's support for its funded agencies. It was in this capacity that he first became acquainted with JHS of Manitoba. He has also worked for Mediation Services of Winnipeg, the Community Unemployed Help Centre, Child and Family Services of Winnipeg and spent four years in Northern Manitoba as an assistant to the Member of Parliament for Churchill. As well, John has served several years with the Mennonite Central Committee, running projects in Winnipeg, Florida and Brazil.

John has a history of working in victim-offender mediation and restorative justice programs. He has a passion for people and building relationships. John's goal is to help JHS build stronger and expanded programs, and enhancing the services currently available to clients.

The John Howard Society of Manitoba, Inc. is a non-profit community-based justice organization whose mission is: working with victims, offenders and communities to respond to the causes and consequences of crime. The John Howard Society of Manitoba delivers a variety of programs and services to assist male offenders in their transition back into the community.

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