



Everyone needs a home

There are over 5,000 people in Toronto without a safe stable place to live. Hundreds live “rough” – in ravines, stairwells or on the street. Hundreds more suffer with mental illness and addictions. This is who we serve. We believe that people need a home first.

The vast majority of vulnerably housed and homeless people – even those with severe mental health and/or substance use issues – can successfully stay housed and off the street when the right supports are in place.

Homes come in many shapes and sizes but each is a safe, stable refuge and allows us to connect to society.

With a home people can be part of a community, obtain ID, register for social services and keep in touch with family and friends. With a home people gain respect, dignity and the ability to care for themselves and others.

The first step begins with a home...

Mission: to provide affordable, stable housing and support services to break the cycle of homelessness for people with the fewest housing options.

Homes First value to community in 2016:

- 3,748 of referrals and connections to community partners
 - 202,200 of meals served
 - 370 people in supportive housing
 - 67,945 of nights of emergency shelter
 - 42 former CAMH patients now living at Homes First
- Cost of 1 year at hospital: \$250,000
Cost of 1 year at Homes First: \$30,000
Savings: **\$9,240,000/year**



The Cost

In Toronto, the cost of providing a social or supportive housing unit is approximately \$30 per day, as compared to an emergency shelter bed at \$69 per day, a jail cell at \$143 per day or a psychiatric inpatient bed at \$665 per day.

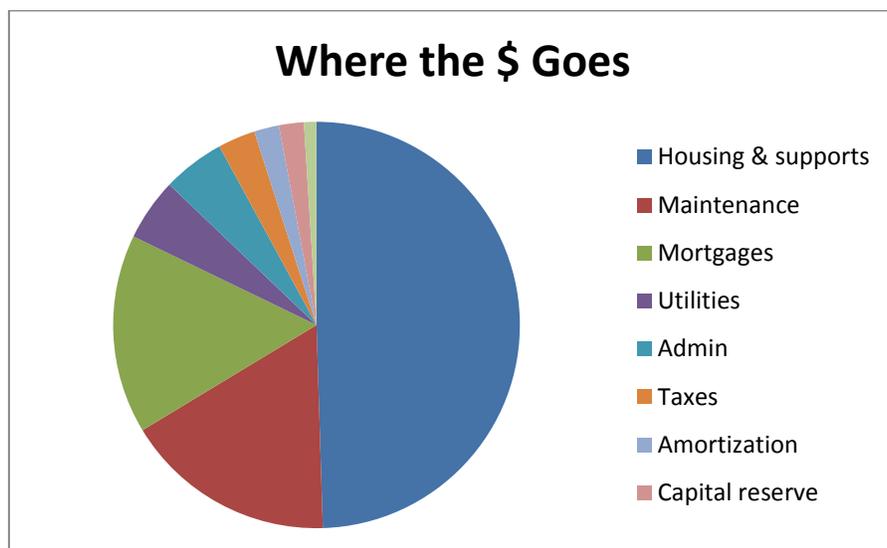
Homes First Numbers:

- 16 Buildings in 9 Toronto neighbourhoods
- Housing 550 men, women, and families every night
- Helping the homeless for 30 years

The Benefits:

Housing First saves lives, saves money and creates hope and opportunity.

It costs a lot to house the homeless. It costs more not to.



What we do:

Housing

13 long-term housing sites provide affordable or supportive housing to 374 men, women, and children - people who have nowhere else to go.

Shelter

- Savards—a shelter for women with a long history of homelessness and mental illness
- Scarborough— a mixed shelter for the recently homeless
- Strachan— a transitional shelter for the chronically homeless

House-keeping - Supports to help people keep their home

- Employment
- Food/Meals
- Health Clinic
- Gardening
- Community Engagement
- Life Skills: Budgeting, housing, hygiene, self-esteem, networking in the community
- Connections to social and government services