



Everyone needs a home

There are over 8,000 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 health and addictions issues. This forgotten slice of our population, people who have been street-involved for several years and who have nowhere else to go, is where Homes First comes in. We provide Housing First.

People need a home before they can begin to work on other issues. With a home, people can build a future. They have a better chance of integrating into society. They are healthier. They rely less on social and health services. The vast majority of homeless people – even those with severe mental health and/or substance use issues – can successfully stay housed and off the street with appropriate housing and supports.

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

Homes First’s value to community in 2017:

- 6,489 referrals and connections to community partners
- 276,555 meals served
- 382 people in supportive housing
- 92,185 nights of emergency shelter
- 47 former CAMH patients now living at Homes First

Cost of 1 year at CAMH: \$250,000

Cost of 1 year at Homes First: \$30,000

Savings: \$10,340,000 per year



The Cost

At Homes First, the cost of providing one day of social housing support is \$51, compared to a shelter bed at \$69, a jail cell at \$303 per day, or a hospital bed at \$458 a day.

Homes First by the numbers:

- 17 buildings in 9 neighbourhoods
- Housing over 750 men, women and children every night
- Helping the homeless for over 35 years

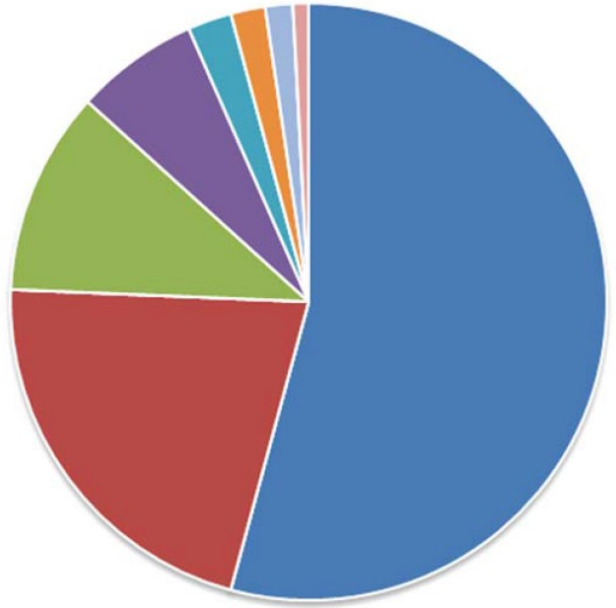
Housing first saves lives, saves money and creates hope and opportunity.

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

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Where the Money Goes

Administration & Program Expenses	54%
Maintenance Expenses	21%
Mortgage Principal & Interest	11%
Utility Costs	7%
Property Taxes	2%
Allocation to Restricted Reserve Funds	2%
Amortization	1%
Insurance & Bad Debts	1%



What We Do

Housing

13 long-term housing sites provide affordable, stable housing to over 375 men, women and children – people who have no where else to go.

Shelter

- Savards – a shelter for women with a long history of homelessness and mental health issues
- St. Clair – a co-ed shelter for the recently homeless
- Strachan – a transitional shelter for the chronically homeless
- Kennedy – a shelter for women, both recently and chronically homeless

Programs – supports to keep people in their homes

- Employment advice
- Weekly meals/food deliveries
- Health Clinic
- Community Engagement
- Life skills: budgeting, hygiene, self-esteem, networking
- Connections to social and government services