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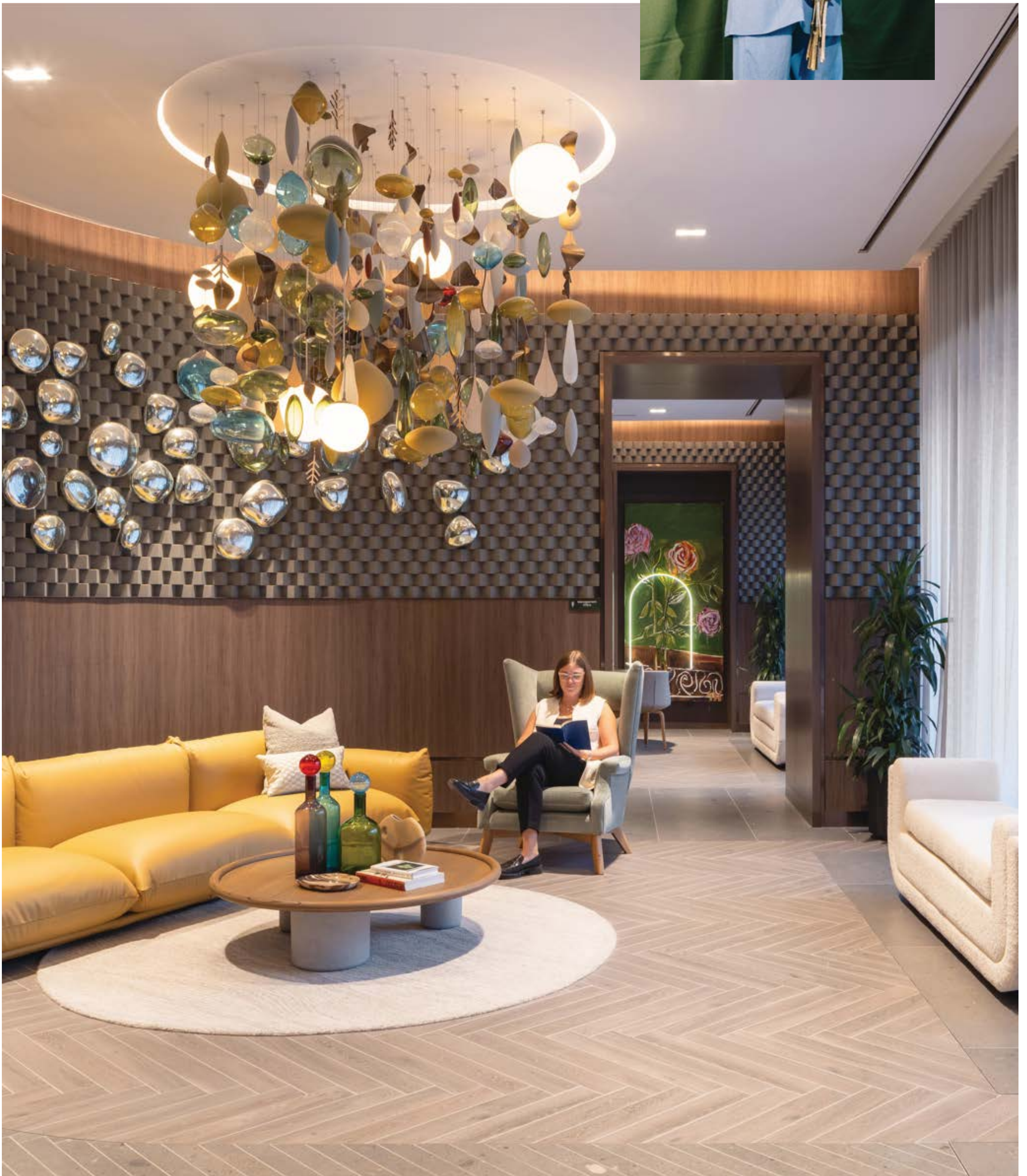
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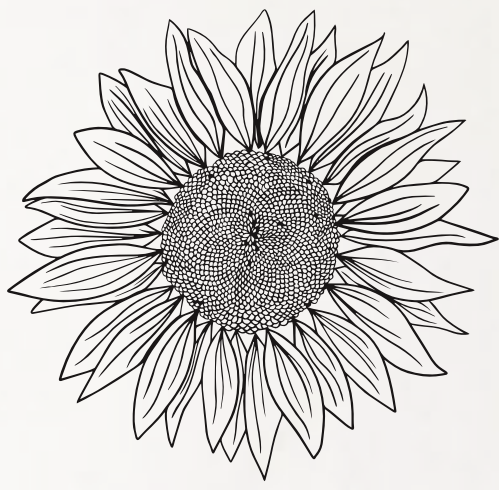
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HOPE

I'm a person with good attitude
I'm feeling positive about life
I have an emotional time in the garden
I'm a human being that likes freedom thinking
I'm doing my best to be successful
I'm a person with good inspiration about the
world
I'm going to enjoy everything that I like to do
I'm sure that the future can be better for me.

- Carmen

Homes First Resident, *Streets to Script*



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INTRODUCTION



Homes for Dinner: Chapters of Hope

DATE

Saturday, November 15th, 2025

TIME

7p.m. - 11p.m.

LOCATION

Bram & Bluma Appel Salon, Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge St 2nd floor, Toronto, ON M4W 2M9

DINNER & DRINKS

Enjoy a delicious menu prepared by Rotation Event Catering and our premium open bar.

SILENT AUCTION

Bid on specialty items including luxury experiences, jewelry, sports tickets, works of art and more!

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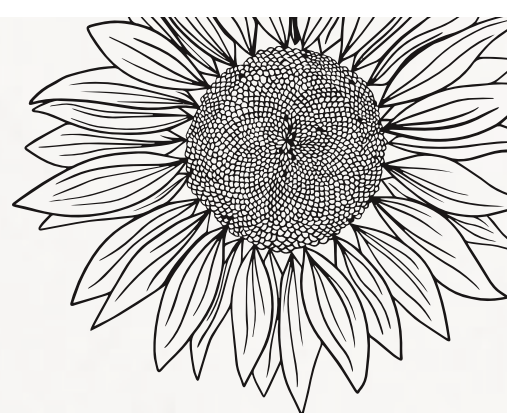
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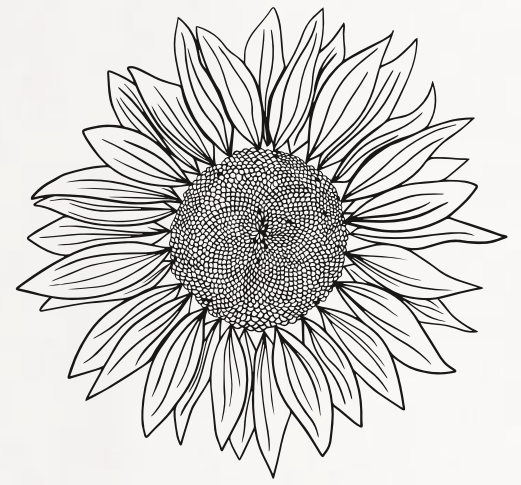
PLACE YOUR BIDS



THE SOLUTION



About Homes First



OUR MISSION

Homes First develops and provides affordable stable housing and support services to break the cycle of homelessness for those with the fewest housing options.

WHO WE ARE

Homes First provides supportive housing, emergency shelter and wrap-around support services to over 2,500 of the city's most vulnerable people every day, including seniors, families, and those with complex physical, psychiatric and substance use challenges.

WHY WE DO IT

Simply put, everyone needs a home.

Every night there are over 15,000 individuals in the City of Toronto without a safe, stable place to live.

The skyrocketing cost of living has also exacerbated the ongoing and intersecting housing, mental health and opiate crises, making stabilization that much harder to achieve. Homes First works to break the cycle of homelessness for the people with the fewest housing options.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Nicole Servinis



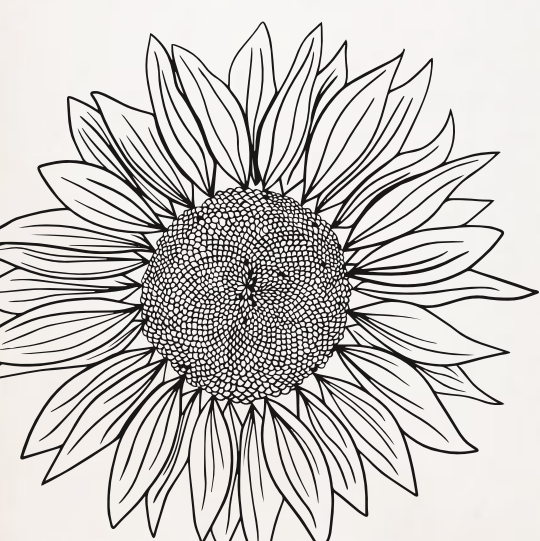
Nicole has spent over a decade in the television industry, carving out a dynamic career in lifestyle and entertainment media. She began behind the scenes at Entertainment Tonight Canada before stepping into the spotlight as the beloved Live Eye reporter on Breakfast Television.

Throughout her career, Nicole has covered marquee events like the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show in Paris, New York Fashion Week, TIFF and more. She's interviewed a wide range of A-list talent —

including Selena Gomez, Scarlett Johansson, Melissa McCarthy, Chris Evans, Antonio Banderas and more.

She currently hosts Things To Know in T.O., a weekly series airing on CP24 and CTV, while also producing content for Corus Entertainment's suite of specialty channels. Nicole is also one of the friendly faces on W Network's Movie Date.

Most recently, she launched Miss Matched, a podcast that explores the unpredictable and often hilarious path to finding love — in all its messy, modern forms.



HOMEFULL RAFFLE



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CONGRATULATIONS TO HOMES FIRST

Here's to another inspiring year of providing
stability, hope, and home!

LIVE AUCTIONEER



Dave Keystone



Dave Keystone is an award-winning television host, comedian, and producer known for his unique ability to connect with audiences through humour, heart, and storytelling. He has hosted acclaimed programs including CBC's *Who's Asking?* and the digital series *Dave Keystone's Love, Dating & Other Disasters*, where his warm, comedic approach earned him a loyal following.

Beyond the screen, Dave is a sought-after motivational speaker and event host who has helped raise millions of dollars for charities across Canada. His quick wit, charm, and dynamic stage presence make him a standout at any event — bringing energy, generosity, and genuine connection to every room.

Whether he's entertaining viewers or inspiring audiences in person, Dave Keystone is dedicated to making an impact through laughter and storytelling. Tonight, he brings that same spirit to our Live Auction, helping drive support for our mission with enthusiasm and heart.



THE SOLUTION



The Homefull Commitment

No one who calls Toronto home should live without one.

We refuse to accept homelessness as inevitable.

We believe in a Homefull Toronto. A city where homelessness is history, where everyone has access to the transforming power of home and the most vulnerable have the support necessary to flourish, because...

You can be sheltered but hungry, safe but alone, housed but unhealthy, that's not homefull.

This is your invitation to reject the status quo, redefine expectations, confront stereotypes, and commit to building a Homefull Toronto together.

This is more than wishful thinking.

Homelessness is not an insurmountable challenge. Solutions exist.

We know the way forward.

All that's left is the collective compassionate commitment of a unified community to make this our reality.

For over 40 years, Homes First has provided shelter, housing, support, and community for Toronto's most vulnerable people.

We're more than a charity; we're a catalyst for change.

We're committed to a Homefull Toronto.

But we can't get there without you.

If you believe Toronto should be Homefull,
make this your commitment too.

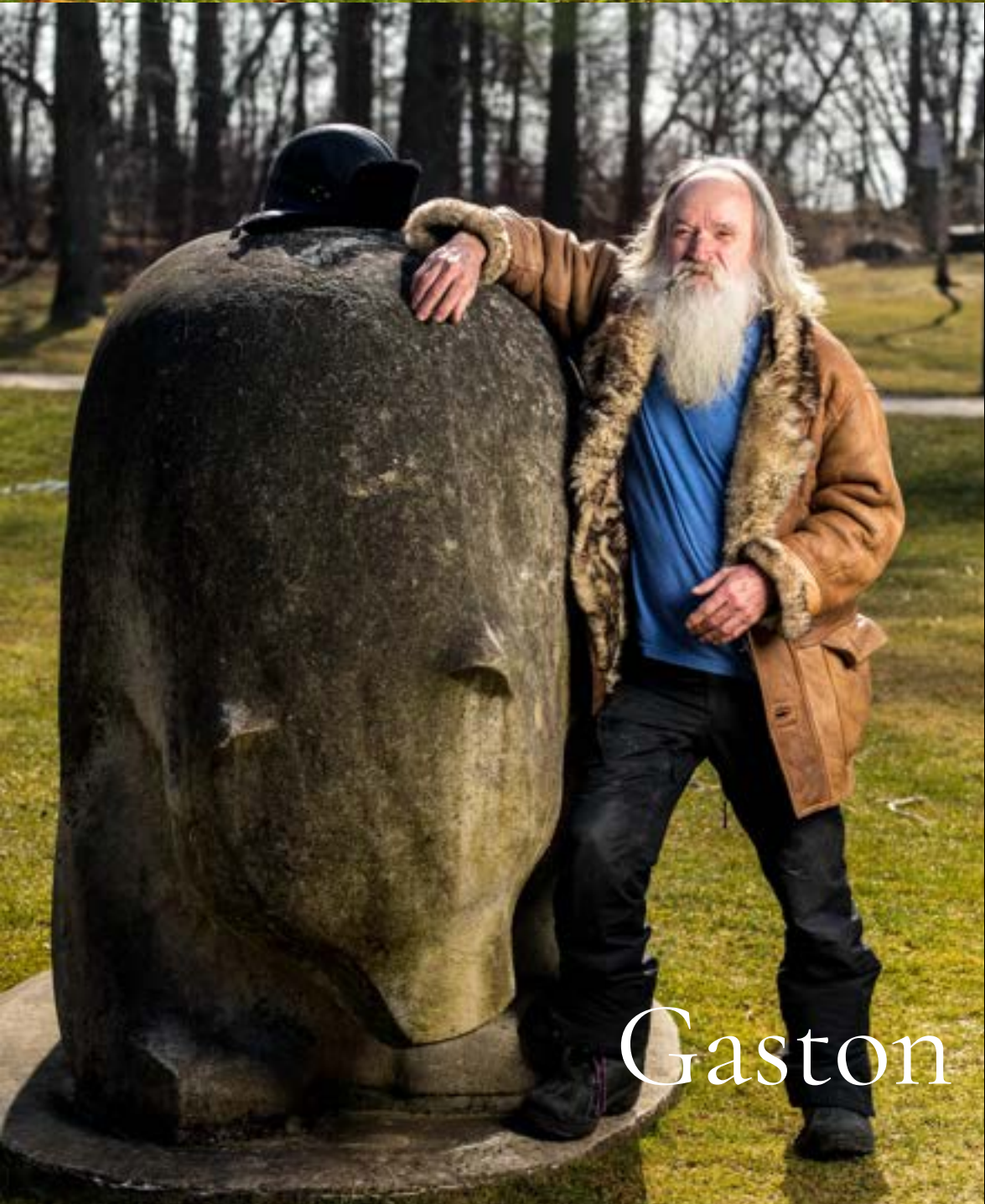


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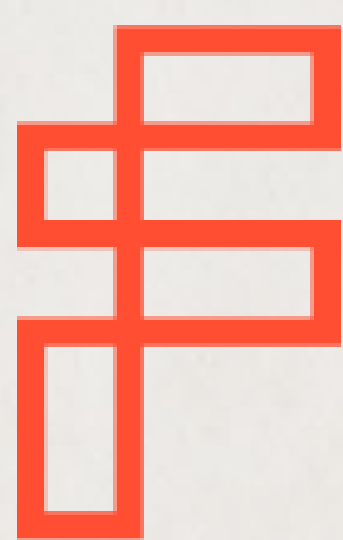
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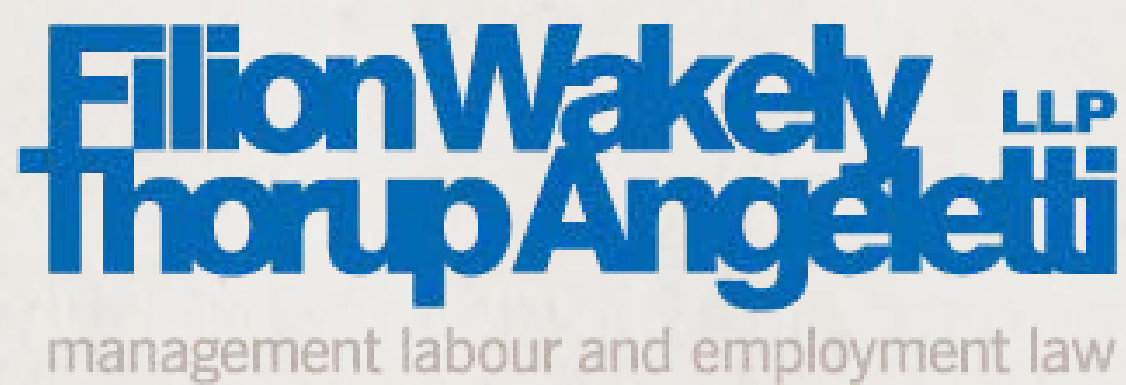
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EPILOGUE



No one who calls Toronto home should live without one.

For over 40 years, Homes First has supported those whose stories of homelessness are as unique as they are. Each client carries chapters marked by struggle, but also resilience—reminding us that homelessness can happen to anyone. These chapters may be difficult, but they don't have to be the whole story.

For every story of hope, for every journey toward stability and success, Homes First is there—central to the support, the housing, and the community that make these chapters possible.

The next chapter is one of hope. One where every person has a home and the support to thrive. But this chapter can only be written together. A Homefull Toronto is not just a dream—it's a future we can create, word by word, action by action.

We invite you to join us in writing this collective chapter of hope—where we reject the status quo, embrace compassion, and build a future where no one is left behind.

Together, we can turn the page.

Let's create a Homefull Toronto, one chapter at a time.

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