

Impact Report

2024-2025

Message from our leaders

Over the past year, Our Place has continued to make steady, meaningful progress in supporting people facing homelessness, addiction, and poverty. The work is not about quick fixes or one-time interventions—it's about providing consistent, long-term support that helps people move from crisis to stability. It's not flashy work. But it changes lives.

The organization offers a wide range of services that meet people at different points in their journey. This includes meals, shelter, medical and mental health care, addiction recovery, transitional housing, and employment opportunities. These services are designed to work together, creating a pathway that helps individuals reconnect with themselves, their families, and their communities.

Every day, the community centre opens its doors to hundreds of people, offering essentials like food, clothing, showers, and health care. Hundreds more are currently living in Our Place housing, and over the past year, many others have moved off the street and into shelter, then into more stable living situations.

The New Roads program, which supports men in long-term addiction recovery, continues to see strong outcomes. Many graduates are now employed either at Our Place or at Your Place, a new social enterprise that offers living-wage jobs and a sense of purpose.

This year also marked a major milestone with the opening of Vancouver Island's first long-term recovery program for women. All 20 beds are now full, and the women there are beginning to rebuild their lives.

This work is ongoing, practical, and deeply rooted in the belief that everyone deserves dignity, stability, and a chance to heal. There is hope. We are supporting folk from surviving to thriving. If you are reading this, you have been part of making this possible and for that we thank you.

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from surviving to
thriving."

With gratitude,

Julian Daly, CEO and Allan Saunders, Board Chair



2024-2025 in Review

The numbers tell the story

Every statistic represents a person whose is finding safety, hope, and stability *thanks to you.*

502,610

Nourishing meals served



20

Beds opened in the first long term addiction recovery program for women on the island

500+

People housed



291

Individuals with active 1:1 support cases at Our Place

11,351

Hot showers provided

523

Wounds treated by paramedics

211

Housing referrals

1,152

Uses of Our Place secure storage units

271

Paramedic emergency responses

99

Men engaged in addiction recovery at New Roads



130

Financial education programs and tax clinics



117

Overdose reversals

9

Program delivery sites



Cory's Story

After losing everything, Cory found connection, purpose and a second chance at Our Place.



Cory works in shipping and receiving at Our Place. He helps with transporting produce, donations of clothing, equipment and more to the nonprofit's community centre, recovery centre and six housing sites. Just a few years ago, he was battling addiction and living in his car.

Growing up, Cory's life was defined by loss. Through tumultuous custody battles, he was passed between his parents and other caregivers in Ontario and BC. He moved across the country six times and never lived in one place for more than 6 months at a time— losing friends, community and stability with every move. Eventually, he ended up in a shelter with his father and brother. They eventually lost his father to an overdose here in Victoria. When the brothers returned to their mother, she had also lost housing. Once homeless, he wasn't able to graduate and left school by the end of the 11th grade.

He applied to jobs across the city, but with no permanent address and no high school diploma, he was rejected every time.

At his most desperate, Cory turned to dealing drugs in an attempt to make money quickly and his life soon became increasingly unstable. He recalls the many times he managed to get back on his feet and secure housing, only to watch it all fall apart again.

Dealing, living in his car and driving with only a learner's permit, Cory was arrested and incarcerated. It was during this lowest point that he was offered what felt like the first real opportunity he had received in his life.

Working closely with the justice system, the team at New Roads Therapeutic Recovery Community admits individuals who are ready to do the hard work to get back on their feet.

"I never looked back," says Cory of the day he was selected and entered the program. Cory flourished at New Roads. Within days, he was stepping up to lead his peers and take on additional responsibilities. In addition to regular recovery meetings, he took part in individual counselling, workplace training, equine therapy, physical therapy, raising chickens and more.

"Suddenly, I had all these opportunities and I took them all," he recalls.

The program at New Roads runs from 9 months to 2 years and Cory chose to stay longer to accept yet another opportunity – second stage housing offered by Our Place to graduates of New Roads. Jaymac Place, a sober house with transitional support from the New Roads team, was the perfect springboard for Cory as he re-entered the workforce.

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back"

Like so many graduates, Cory was attracted to working closely with others battling addiction and homelessness like he had.

Today, Cory is a favourite friendly face around Our Place as he brings deliveries of clothing donations or unpacks fresh produce and food supplies to the kitchen at the Community Centre. He works alongside many other New Roads graduates and others who have had their own journeys from crisis back to stability.

He's been consistently checking off personal goals like getting his driver's license and owning his own car again.

He goes back to New Roads every week to participate in recovery meetings, especially enjoying telling all the current residents about his success.

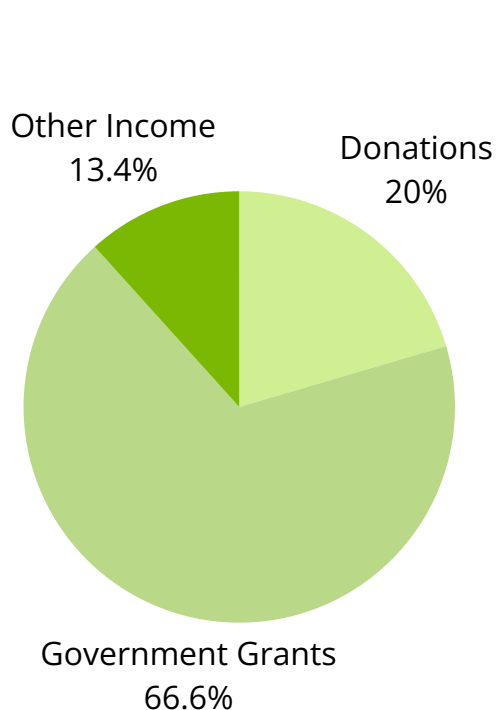
"It means a lot to them to hear the things I've achieved, because then they know they can too," he says.

Financial

Despite a challenging economic situation in our country, Our Place has remained a steadfast and resilient support to thousands thanks to your dedicated support. Here is the breakdown of how Our Place carefully allocates donor and government contributions to support our mission.

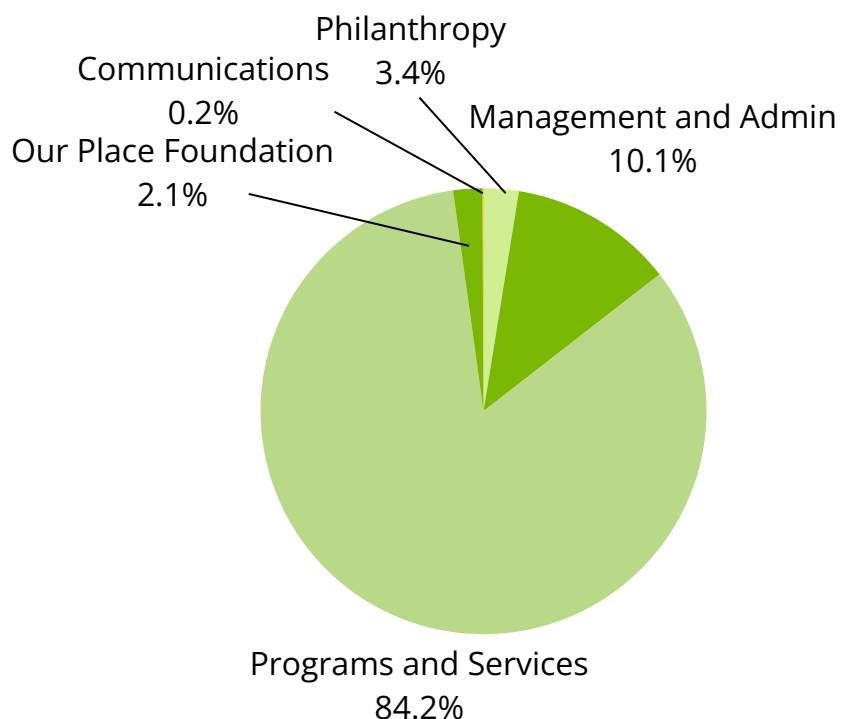
Revenue

\$25,363,948



Expenses

\$25,349,005



84%

of all revenue directly funds programs and services at Our Place Society

What giving looks like at Our Place Society

\$347

Average donation

22,455

Charitable donations received

11

Individuals left a legacy of compassion



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*We thank you for your continued support of our
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