



Annual Impact Report

2025-2026 Fiscal Year

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Message From Our Leaders

Dear Friends of Our Place,

The past year showed us just how much positive change is happening in Victoria. It may not always be visible at first glance, and often it happens quietly. Change looks different for every person. But when we reflect on this past year and spend time with the people you've supported through Our Place, it is impossible not to be moved by the difference you have made in their lives.

The numbers in this report are powerful markers of your impact: more than 780,000 meals served, hundreds of people receiving medical care, 456 individuals housed each night, hundreds of nights of safe shelter provided, more than 100 people supported in long-term addiction recovery programs, and many more finding purpose and employment through our landscaping social enterprise. This year also saw the launch of important new programs, including Reunification House—safe family housing that allows graduates of the New Roads Women's Therapeutic Recovery Community to reunite and live with their children while continuing their recovery journey. We also expanded our sober housing options to ensure more people have the support they need as they transition toward independence.

Behind every number is a person. Someone walking through the doors of the Our Place Community Centre for the first time, uncertain and exhausted, and being welcomed with warmth, dignity, into a community of belonging. Someone finding a safe place to sleep, accessing medical care, sharing a meal, entering addiction recovery, securing housing, reconnecting with family, or taking the next step toward a transformed future.

These moments are not isolated. They are part of an intentional Pathway of Support that we have built over many years—one that recognizes that lasting change happens step by step. Every program, service, and relationship represented in these pages is connected, helping people move from surviving to thriving.

Most importantly, these are lives that have been changed—and, in some cases, saved—because of your support.

In the pages that follow, you'll see how your generosity was put to work throughout our community. You'll find the stories, outcomes, and milestones that illustrate the impact of each step along the Pathway of Support. Together, they tell a story of resilience, healing, hope, and transformation.

Thank you for making these journeys possible. Thank you for believing in people, standing alongside them, and helping create a community where everyone has the opportunity to move forward toward stability, belonging, and a brighter future.

With gratitude,



Julian Daly
CEO



Scott McGregor
Board Chair



The Pathway of Support

Our Place's Pathway of Support is the foundation of the work you've made possible this year.

From street outreach and a hot meal to independent living and meaningful employment—we meet people where they are and walk alongside them every step of the way.

Every journey is different, but they share one constant: connection.





Kim



Community
Outreach

Kim and her daughter Leeanna were living on Pandora Avenue before connecting with Our Place Outreach.

Kim's life had been shaped by early hardship in foster care and later by addiction that began after a serious car accident and dependence on pain medication. Despite these challenges, she worked to support her family. Tragedy struck when Leeanna's husband was killed, and her existing heart condition worsened, leading to declining health and drug addiction. When Leeanna lost her housing, Kim risked everything to protect her, eventually becoming homeless herself. Together they endured life on the streets until they connected with Our Place. The Our Place team brought them inside and put them on the pathway.

Today, they have a home at Our Place's Muncey Place, they have found stability and safety, offering them renewed hope and a chance to rebuild their lives.



Community
Centre

Paul

Once a licensed physician, Paul was prescribed opiates after a fall from a ladder. Addiction took hold and Paul lost his practice and his home. Now, back on his feet, Paul is a senior living on a fixed income who struggles to afford basic necessities, so he relies on daily meals at Our Place Society.

He is always first in line for lunch, and he contributes as much as he receives. Paul has built strong connections with staff, volunteers, and other Family Members, greeting everyone warmly and showing gratitude. He even brings small gifts, like cherry blossoms and other wildflowers, and enjoys celebrating holidays with the community—never missing a Thanksgiving meal.

Over time, Our Place has become more than just a source of food for Paul; it is a place of friendship and belonging. Through these shared meals and connections, Paul has found a supportive community, ensuring he is not alone and giving him comfort, dignity, and a sense of home.





Emergency
Shelter

Camisha

Camisha's story shows that homelessness is complex and deeply connected to mental health and life experiences.

Born in Haiti, then adopted and raised in Campbell River, she struggled from a young age with auditory hallucinations. Her worsening mental health led to job loss, conflict at home, and eventually homelessness in Victoria.

At her lowest point, she came to Our Place for help. She can find a safe, warm bed at Our Place's emergency shelter. While she is here, outreach workers support her in applying for supportive housing.

Camisha is rebuilding her life, working part-time and hoping to use her experience to help others, with a renewed sense of hope for her future.



Transitional
Shelter

Amanda

Amanda moved to Victoria hoping to live openly as her true self after facing rejection in her hometown.

Following a breakup, she experienced homelessness and stayed in a shelter where she felt unsafe as a trans woman. There, she was exposed to drugs, and many people she knew later died from the toxic supply.

Choosing the streets over unsafe shelter conditions, Amanda turned to Our Place for essential support like meals, showers, and medical care.

Over time, she built trust with staff, which helped her begin a path toward recovery. After surviving an overdose, she entered detox and moved into My Place, a supportive and inclusive shelter. Now over a year sober, Amanda feels safe and hopeful, pursuing her goals, reconnecting with her passions, and building a brighter future.





**Temporary
Supportive
Housing**

Lorelei

Lorelei experienced early trauma and instability, growing up as the child of residential school survivors and being forced out of her home at a young age. She turned to drugs early and struggled with addiction for many years, losing custody of her children and becoming estranged from parts of her family. Despite her hardships, she always committed to connecting with her children however she could, even during difficult times.

A turning point came when she helped save someone from an overdose, reminding her of the dangers around her and inspiring her to find help. Lorelei found stable housing at Our Place's Albina St. Housing and the help she needed to pursue sobriety.

Today, she maintains her recovery, has reconnected with her children and grandchildren, and is building a supportive community, giving her hope and a renewed sense of purpose.

**New Roads
Addiction
Recovery
Program**



Dan

Dan grew up in a chaotic environment with addiction, frequent moves, and little support. After entering foster care, he faced further neglect. He became familiar with drugs and crime at a young age. Undiagnosed ADHD and limited support in school led to repeated trouble and eventually prison, where he finally received help and completed his education. Years later, the unresolved trauma drove him into heavy drug use and a cycle of incarceration.

Dan felt like he had finally been given a chance when he entered New Roads, and began the program with hope for a better future. Here, he began rebuilding his life, gaining stability, support, and a renewed sense of purpose—creating a path toward a healthier, hopeful future.

Now, he's a leader among the residents at New Roads and even inspiring others from his past to take that brave next step in finding recovery from addiction.

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Sober
Housing



Sean

Sean was raised by a parent struggling with addiction. They moved constantly and stability felt out of reach. As an adult, constant travel for work left him isolated, and after two divorces, his mental health and substance use worsened. Despite multiple recovery attempts, nothing worked, and he eventually found himself living in his car, feeling hopeless.

At his lowest point, he traveled to Victoria to say goodbye to his family, believing his depression would take his life. But thinking of his daughters, he reached out for help one last time. That decision became a turning point.

Today, Sean has graduated New Roads sober, he is living with other New Roads graduates in Our Place sober housing where he continues to receive support, he is working full-time, reconnecting with family, and inspiring others with his story.



Employment

Kyle

Kyle, a former restaurant owner, had been sober for six years before a serious accident left him isolated and struggling. After moving to Vancouver Island for surgery and facing loneliness during the pandemic, he relapsed into alcohol use. His life quickly deteriorated, leading to legal trouble and health issues, and he realized he might not survive if things didn't change.

Kyle was determined to turn his life around when he entered New Roads, where he spent months rebuilding his mindset and outlook. As an important step in his recovery, he knew he needed to find work again. But, with gaps in his resume and the bias some still have against those in recovery, he worried he wouldn't be able to find employment again.

Today, he is sober and a valued member of the Your Place (A social enterprise by Our Place) team, gaining skills, stability, and a renewed sense of purpose



2025-2026 in Review



The numbers tell the story

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

787,137

Meals served across
our organization

18,603

Volunteer hours from
more than 350 volunteers

456

People stably housed within
Our Place housing sites

17 %



increase in the
cost of a meal

578

Wounds treated
by paramedics

93

new individuals
housed

16

Sober housing units

9868

Hot showers provided



overdose reversals

251

142



people supported to
move from supportive
housing into
independent or market
housing

93

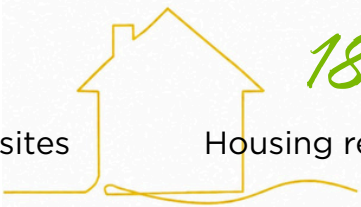
Men engaged in addiction
recovery at New Roads

27

Women engaged in
addiction recovery at
New Roads

11

Program delivery sites



184

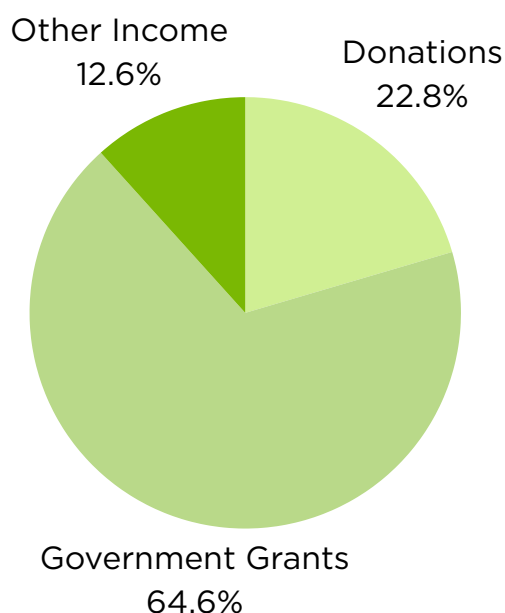
Housing referrals

Financial

Amid rising costs and increasing demand for services, nonprofits across Canada are experiencing heightened financial pressures. Despite this environment, Our Place has remained a stable and effective community resource, made possible by your ongoing support. Below is a summary of how donor and government contributions were carefully allocated to support our mission this year.

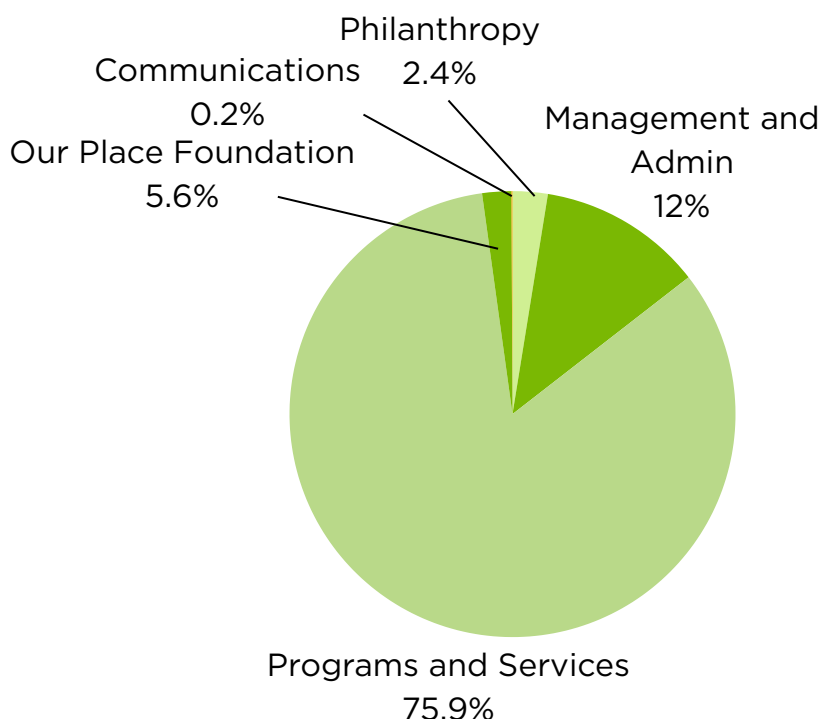
Revenue

\$28,600,074



Expenses

\$29,311,756



What giving looks like at Our Place Society

\$374

Average donation

22,023

Charitable donations
received

23

Individuals remembered
Our Place in their will

Our financial information is based on audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2026



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continued support of our
collective community.*

