

## **Bethlehem Housing and Support Services**

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Dear Friends,

A home is more than just a place where one lives. For many, home is a valued refuge and resting place offering security and happiness. Home is often the place where we feel a sense of belonging and comfort.

For many of the individuals and families supported by Bethlehem Housing and Support Services, home is a place of uncertainty and instability.

For some, home is a place that is out of reach. In cases where individuals and families are experiencing homelessness, it is our goal to find permanent affordable housing for them as soon as possible. Once they are housed, we offer ongoing support to help them remain securely housed.

For others, home is a place they left unwillingly, fleeing from abuse. Our transitional supportive housing program at Bethlehem Place provides a temporary safe home for men, women, and their children. Bethlehem's Community Support Workers provide one-on-one coaching to help them cope with the problems they are facing and to gain confidence and the skills to stabilize their lives.

For those with low to moderate income, Bethlehem Housing is the place that they call home. Bethlehem's Genesis Court and Kenmore Court residences provide permanent supported housing for up to 80 households. Our community-based approach addresses the root causes of homelessness so that individuals and families have the capacity to remain safely and affordably housed for years to come.

Your gift is important because it offers resources that are directed to our current annual needs to support the personal growth of individuals and families that reach out to Bethlehem for help.

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Future Housing Fund I hereby enclose my donation to Bethlehem Housing and Support Services. I understand that for gifts of \$100 or more, 10% will be invested into Bethlehem's Future Housing Fund to support new affordable housing developments.	One-time Gift Option:
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Today, over 5,500 households – including 2,710 children – are on the wait list for affordable housing in Niagara. This is a 20% increase since 2010. Our work is urgent and the demand is growing!

Your gift can address the growing demand for affordable housing in Niagara. For gifts over \$100, we will invest 10% into our Future Housing Fund to support new affordable housing developments.

Your donation is helping to build a vibrant, caring and inclusive Niagara where everyone has a home.

We thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Lori Beech

**Executive Director** 

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P.S. To stay updated on our new affordable housing development and upcoming events please subscribe to our e-newsletter. Visit **www.bethlehemhousing.ca** to subscribe today!

Bethlehem Housing and Support Services is a multi-service organization that provides housing and targeted programs, supports and services for individuals and families who are designated homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to issues with poverty, physical disability, mental health, domestic violence, and family breakdown. We are the only organization in the Niagara Region that offers supportive transitional housing and supported permanent affordable housing for women, men, and families - helping them to rebuild their lives.

For more information on our diverse range of services please visit www.bethlehemhousing.ca

A heartfelt thank you for helping individuals and families stabilize their lives by supporting

