

Stewardship Report

2023





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More Than A Roof's collective mission and purpose are to interrupt and break cycles of poverty and homelessness in communities across British Columbia through transformative affordable housing. This involves supporting our Vision, Mission & Mandate with four fundraising pillars that help distinguish the work we do as 'More Than'.

### **OUR VISION**

We transform lives, break cycles of poverty and end homelessness by funding innovative approaches to holistic community building.

#### **OUR MISSION**

We empower individuals and communities by providing lasting resources for safe, affordable housing.

## **OUR MANDATE**

We believe that access to the right resources can lead to social equity, inclusion and better health outcomes, so we go beyond just providing a roof over someone's head – we equip and resource our communities for long-term success.



# **HOMES**

Affordable housing solutions fostering safety, belonging, and community wellbeing.



## **HEALTH**

Integrated care promoting well-being in our diverse housing communities.



### HOPE

Transformative programs and support for individuals facing life challenges.



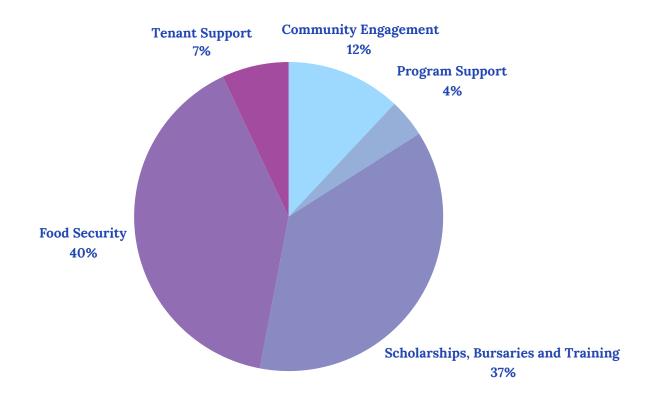
# **OPPORTUNITY**

Empowering lives through education, and professional development initiatives



# WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Explore our 2023 financial distribution showcasing our strategic allocation. Your support fuels our commitment to making a positive impact on communities.



Areas that remain a priority for funding through the Foundation are:

- Healthcare programs such as addiction recovery & mental health support
- Food Security such as delivering 21,600 affordable meals to low income tenants
- Community Engagement, senior's support & tenant wellness
- Education support and access for tenants & staff



# CONTRIBUTION REPORT

# Some of our ongoing initiatives for 2024 include:

# • Providing materials needed for community gardens at 14 tenant communities

# 2023 Fiscal year:

Туре	Sum of Amount
Community Engagement	9,200.00
Scholarships, Bursaries and Training	29,603.00
Food security	31,750.00
Contingency	963.00
Program Support	3,200.00
Tenant Relations	5,214.60
Grand Total	79,930.60

- Implementing community-based programs to ensure food security for 678 vulnerable seniors
- Establishing wellness centers and offering on-site professional support for 60 tenants facing mental health challenges and addiction recovery
- Financial Literacy Sessions precede scholarship awards for 20 Highschool graduates









We're excited about expanding our impact in 2024. Plans include purchase of another home to house eight individuals with mental illness in the communities of North Vancouver and creation of a wellness center for vulnerable low income seniors in Vancouver's West End.



# Financial Literacy



Scholarships & Bursaries



Food Security

#### 2022 Scholarships:

- 1 grad from our tenant community: \$500
- 7 grads: \$1000 each

#### 2023 Scholarships:

- 2 tenant community graduates: \$500 each
- 5 tenant community graduates: \$1000 each
- 5 MTR Staff graduates: \$1000 each

Our scholarship program is expanding to include staff & their family members, and post secondary students in any year of their degree or diploma program. Bursaries are available to all our addiction recovery and mental health program participants.

With support from the Foundation, and in partnership with Earl's Test Kitchen & IGA, More Than A Roof can keep the cost of meals at \$3.00 ensuring everyone gets enough to eat.

# A TRAGIC DEATH: A GRATEFUL FAMILY

Alan, a resident at Karis Place, passed away suddenly. His battle with mental illness left him estranged from his family. This tragic event gave the family opportunity to see their dad through new eyes, not defined by challenges and hurts but as a valued member of a community.



## Hi Bre,

I will never be able to thank you enough for everything. You made a huge impact on my Dad and our family. I know how taxing it is to work in this field and how few and far between the successes are. Please take this as a win. My Dad died with dignity and surrounded by people he knew loved and cared for him. He did not always have that. Friday was the first time my family was able to see who my Dad really was. You provided him the space to start to heal. He felt safe there and was finally able to dig into the trauma that had tormented him his whole life. No one else did that. I really will keep that letter forever - I find a lot of comfort in knowing he had that type of support.

I would love to stay in touch - if that's not weird. It seems we have quite a bit in common and that doesn't happen for me very often. Thanks again Bre. You truly changed how my family saw my Dad - they finally got it and accepted him. I can never thank you enough for that.

Thank you, Kayla

# A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Stepping back into the work of More
Than A Roof opened a door I didn't
anticipate as I faced a world of urgent
need and suffering that's happening
all around us. I thought just maybe I
could do something about it.

More and more folks live unhoused in our streets, parks, and alleyways. Governments at all levels are grappling with a national housing and health crisis that seems to be worsening daily.

The bravery, commitment and resilience of our front-line teams astonish me. Every day they provide housing care and more in sometimes messy human circumstances. I saw the determination and hope in their eyes as they served. Even small contributions put in their hands make a world of difference. That is why I give, and give more!



As a fellow donor, I want to say **THANK YOU!** 

For your courage, faith, trust, concern, loyalty, dedication, a sense of justice, vision, resolve, integrity, kindness, steadfastness, understanding, and compassion.

Sincerely, Lorne





Vienna House is an international affordable housing demonstration project by More Than a Roof, The City of Vancouver, & BC Housing

# Thank you for being part of the work of transforming lives across British Columbia

As we reflect on the year, More Than A Roof Foundation expresses sincere appreciation for your support behind tangible, transformative changes in the lives of our tenants and their communities. Through your contributions, we're forging spaces where residents flourish, embracing the true spirit of authentic community — a place where they find genuine welcome and wholehearted support. Your ongoing commitment to our mission propels us forward, creating a lasting impact. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey towards positive and sustainable community transformation.