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From our Executive Director

Happy New Year! With the start of each new calendar year, I find myself caught in an in-between space – reflecting on the year that has just ended and dreaming about what's to come in the year ahead.

A 2024 highlight for me was accepting the invitation from More Than a Roof Foundation Board to serve as the Executive Director. I'm learning every day and the more I discover about this unique organization, the more excited I am for its future.

One thing that became clear early on is that those who appreciate the work of More Than a Roof, appreciate it a lot. How encouraging! Your commitment to doing more to end cycles of poverty and homelessness in British Columbia is noticed and deeply appreciated.

In this report you will find inspirational stories about what's been accomplished this past year, plus insights into what's to come. And through it all, I hope you see the impact of your generosity reflected — we truly couldn't do this work without you.

With gratitude for the past and with anticipation for what is to come,

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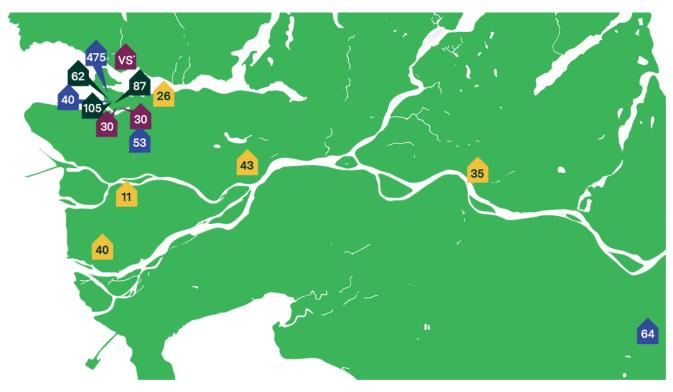
P.S. I'm thrilled to share Camryn's inspiring story in this report. In my short time here I've already seen that there are so many more incredible stories from MTR communities. I hope you'll keep up with the latest by signing up for our monthly newsletter, Roof Lines, at morethanaroof. foundation or following us on social media.

What We Do

The housing crisis in British Columbia is complex. At More than a Roof (MTR) Foundation we are a part of a proven solution for supply and affordability.

Our friends at More Than a Roof Housing (MTR) Society have spent close to 40 years as a sought-after partner for governments, health authorities, and municipalities to address the housing crisis in British Columbia. They expertly oversee close to 1,200 homes across 15 intentional communities and are on track to create over 1,800 additional homes in the next five years.

Lower Mainland



Numbers represent MTR housing units at each site



Vibrant communities for families



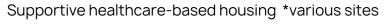
Inclusive communities for singles



Welcoming communities for seniors



Welcoming communities for semiors





Units in development

Southern Vancouver Island



Prince George



At MTR Society they are passionate about building safe, affordable homes for people. Here at MTR Foundation, we are passionate about building opportunities for MTR residents to break cycles of poverty and homelessness. Because what we know is that housing — as critical as it is — is simply the first line of a person's new chapter.

We specialize in building opportunities for MTR residents to leverage their housing stability, to make significant changes in their health, education and community through four key initiatives:

Increasing access to education. We run a robust scholarship program for young people and grant programs that provide funds for adults looking to acquire new skills.

Improving food security. Our community food programs and pantries ensure that quality food is close-at-hand for our residents — filling tummies and fueling possibility.

Championing people's mental and physical health. With a host of health care professionals at their side, MTR residents have the support they need to address a wide range of personal health challenges ranging from addiction and trauma and age-in-place care.

Investing in community-wide wellness.

Investments in block parties, book clubs, BBQs, access to chaplaincy and more help combat isolation, encourage collaboration, and open more opportunities for people to journey meaningfully together through life.

These practical and scalable solutions, set on a strong foundation of safe, long-term, affordable housing, are the building blocks MTR residents need to realize more for their future. One that is full of stability, hope and possibility.



Camryn Rogers is the top female hammer thrower in Canada. This title was cemented when she took home gold at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. It was the first medal in women's hammer throw for Canada and one of the few gold medals for women's track and field for Canada—ever.

But her journey to the Olympic podium was far from easy.

Camryn was a pre-teen living in Surrey when her mom, Shari, realized she could no longer afford their mortgage, despite working more than full time as a hairdresser. She would have to sell their apartment.

For a year, Camryn and Shari, who was raising her daughter alone, experienced a reality for far too many British Columbians: housing insecurity. They couch surfed, stayed with friends, and even slept in their car.

Shari tried to stay positive, for the both of them. But uncertainty permeated their lives. "It was a lot to go through as a teenager," Camryn recalls. "I'm still impressed with all my mom did at that time. She was trying her very best."

A primary place Camryn was able to channel her feelings of uncertainty was sport.

"I remember when I threw [a hammer] for the first time. I was 12, and I'd never done a sport before," she recalls. "I felt so empowered. It was one of the first times in my life that I really felt that sense of powerfulness.



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Olympic medalist Camryn Rogers outside her former community at Dockside Village in Steveston, Richmond, BC. Camryn and her mother, Shari, lived at Dockside, an MTR Community, for 10 years after experiencing a year of homelessness. (Photo credits: Rachel Pick Photography, Story credit: Lauren Bentley)



During that year of housing insecurity, I was able to use throwing as that outlet. It made me feel powerful at a time when we didn't have control over certain things."

Despite the difficulties, Shari encouraged her daughter. "She'd say we had to keep going because something good is coming," Camryn recalls.

That good thing came in the form of a home: a townhouse in Dockside Village, a More Than a Roof community for families in Steveson. The location was perfect. Shari already worked in Steveson, and Camryn went to school nearby.

Camryn remembers that even when touring the unit that would become theirs, "it felt so warm and comfortable and inviting." They moved in soon after.

"For so long, we didn't have security or a safe environment. When we found out [we had a place at Dockside], it felt like we'd found somewhere to rebuild our lives together. It was everything for us."

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Over her teenage years, the community at Dockside Village became more like a family.

When she came home from her first international competition in 2017, the entire community was outside, holding signs and cheering as she drove in.

"It's huge to have a roof over your head, but it's the people that truly make a place home," she says. "Here we had so much support and love. That really enriched our experience."







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Shari and Camryn lived at Dockside for 10 years, over which Camryn became one of Canada's elite athletes, training first in Richmond and then at UC Berkeley. In that time, Shari remarried, and recently the family was able to purchase a new home. For Camryn, her mom buying a house after all they'd been through is the end of an incredible journey they were able to take thanks to MTR.

"It's hard to imagine what life would have been like if we hadn't had More Than a Roof," Camryn says. "It's been one of the major foundational aspects of what we've been able to develop in our lives."

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Camryn certainly hasn't. And when she returned to visit Dockside as an Olympic gold medalist, the community celebrated her as one of their own. "It still feels like home here," she says.

"Everyone [at MTR] is fighting for a brighter future," Camryn notes. "It's made possible by secure housing. It's made possible by having somewhere to come home to every night and call your own."

Brighter futures start with a place to call home. Together, we can help more families like Camryn's start their hopeful next chapter.

Your Impact

In our 2023/2024 fiscal year, your generosity helped build hopeful futures for many MTR residents. The highlights below represent not simply a record of program outputs, but lives touched and futures transformed because of your support.

Through scholarships, bursaries, grants and direct program funding support, we championed MTR residents to take big steps forward in their goals — whether it's pursuing their studies, improving in their health and wellness, or providing them with the tools and opportunities they need to be more deeply connected with their community.

What follows is a snapshot of how you have helped residents leverage their housing stability to make significant changes in their lives. Thank you!

Scholarships & Bursaries

In 2023/2024, MTR Foundation disbursed \$40,890 to support MTR residents make significant changes in their education, health and community.



Scholarships: Over \$12,000 was awarded to 13 recipients to pursue their studies at Simon Fraser University, Thompson Rivers University, Douglas College, Trinity Western University and BCIT.



Bursaries: Over \$6,540 was awarded to 14 recipients. These bursaries supported MTR residents to access addiction recovery programs and provided access for youth in MTR communities to go to summer camp.



Grants: Over \$22,350 in grants were awarded to 5 recipients to build deeper connections with their community. Here are a few highlights:

- A Rocha Canada: This grant led to the creation of seven community gardens at MTR locations across BC.
- Community Builders: This grant funded the Mini Villages pilot project to support residents in building community and a sense of belonging among their neighbours.

Program Initiatives

Generous partners like you also provided over \$44,455 in program funding in 2023/2024. Here's what you helped make possible:



Soul Kitchen: At our Karis Community in downtown Vancouver, 1,600 meals were delivered each month to various MTR communities – helping seniors, singles and low-income families access healthy food.



Food Pantry: Based in our Kindred Community in downtown Vancouver, this resident-led initiative supplements groceries by offering a place for MTR residents to access free food items and household staples.



Staff Training: Over 60 MTR staff participated in workshops learning about homelessness, mental health support, maintenance skills, financial literacy and more.

Meet Tetsuro, an MTR Resident in Burnaby

After a divorce, Tetsuro found himself grappling with his new reality of being homeless.

Humbled by his experience and feeling profoundly disconnected, Tetsuro struggled, until someone connected him with More than a Roof.



Photo courtesy of Tetsuro, who also appears in the image.

Two years ago, Tetsuro and his two children moved to Lakepark Village – a community of MTR family townhomes in Burnaby – and everything began to change.

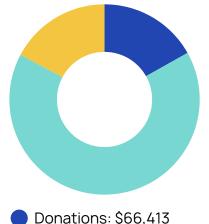
Today, with the support of generous MTR donors, Tetsuro and his children have built meaningful relationships with their neighbours — Tetsuro is even the community's go-to emcee for special events and game nights! "They've given me a place to feel valued," Tetsuro shared recently. "And I'm endlessly grateful for that."

Financial Review

When you give to More than a Roof Foundation, you are ending cycles of homelessness and poverty for people across BC.

If you have any questions about our financials or about the impact you are making through your generous support, please reach out to our team at foundation@morethanaroof.org or (604) 215-4648.



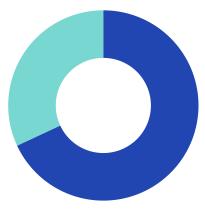


Donations: \$66,413

Investment gains: \$259,687

Other: \$67,835

Expenses: \$267,210



Core operations: \$181,865

Disbursements: \$85,345



Assets under management: \$2,414,327





Photo credit: Rachel Pick Photography

With the unprecedented rise in real estate value across the province, many British Columbian homeowners find themselves living in homes that are worth much more than when they purchased them.

When it comes time to sell their family home, many people find themselves dealing with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: managing a large sum of money.

After prudent investment for retirement and helping family members reach their goals, there can be proceeds remaining. These proceeds can empower homeowners to engage in significant acts of generosity that change the future for others in their community.

When you donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of your home to More Than a Roof Foundation, you will transform the lives of MTR residents across BC.

Your generous gift will fuel our programs in health, education and community building for MTR residents, setting them on a path to a new future – one that is full of stability, hope and possibility.

Please reach out to our team to learn how you can build opportunities for others by turning your home into a legacy.

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Looking Ahead

MTR Society is implementing a growth and expansion strategy driven by the urgent need for social and affordable housing across British Columbia.

MTR is on track to develop 1,800 new homes for singles, seniors and families by 2030 expanding its social-purpose housing portfolio by \$700 million.

In addition to acquiring two existing communities in 2024, representing 85 homes for vulnerable seniors, MTR is working through an aggressive growth strategy.

As MTR Society provides homes for more vulnerable British Columbians, we will be there, providing unwavering support for families, singles and seniors as they build their hopeful futures.

Meet Ahmed, an MTR Resident in Maple Ridge

In 2021, Ahmad and his growing family fled Afghanistan as the Taliban tightened their grip on the country.

After a long, arduous journey they arrived in Vancouver and began an urgent search for safe, stable housing. Months of fruitless searching later, Ahmad was connected through a local church to More Than a Roof.



Photo courtesy of Carlie Chan

Today, Ahmad, his wife, Mehria, and their three growing children have a safe place to call home at MTR's Dewdney Villas in Maple Ridge. Your generous support has ensured they were warmly welcomed into a community that honoured their past and will support them in building a bright future.

Help celebrate hopeful futures

Fund a scholarship, bursary or community-building grant and then join the celebration at our inaugural More Than a Roof Awards.

Every year, More Than a Roof Foundation awards scholarships, bursaries and grants to a variety of community members who are pursuing their education, health and neighbourhood goals as they build a hope-filled future for themselves and their communities.

Join supporters, donors, staff and residents for this special night of celebration where we recognize award recipients including a distinguished MTR alumnus and a generous B.C. business leader doing more to end cycles of poverty and homelessness.

April 30, 2025 Paradox Hotel, Vancouver



For more information about this dinner event, including how to become an event sponsors or how you can financially support our scholarships, bursaries and grants, please visit morethanaroof.foundation or scan the QR code.





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