

What is Halifax Housing Help?

Metro Non-Profit Housing Association (MNPHA), a provider of supportive housing and drop-in housing support services for single individuals, and Direction 180, a Community-based methadone program, partnered to develop Halifax Housing Help (HHH) as a creative response to observed barriers and a recognized gap in access to housing and eviction prevention supports for individuals accessing their services and other agencies in the community.

HHH is funded through the Federal Homelessness Partnership Strategy of Service Canada until March 31st 2009. During this period the HHH team will provide enriched mobile housing support and trustee services to single individuals as well as work to develop a service delivery model, demonstrating the impact and importance that having access to these services has on the stability of individuals in their housing.

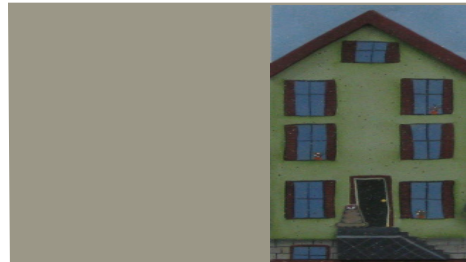
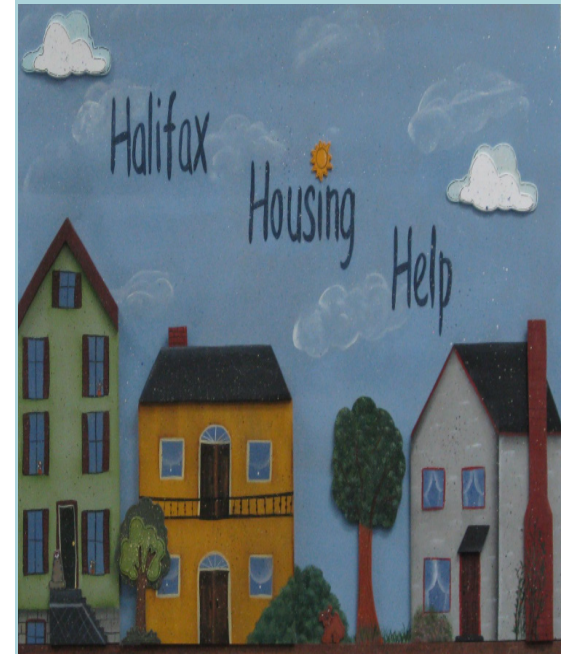
The HHH team believes strongly in collaboration and communication among agency partners to ensure supports provided to individuals are efficiently coordinated and respectfully provided. HHH also works hard to build positive relationships with landlords to support them in providing tenancy to individuals working with the project and to mediate problems that may arise to prevent the need for eviction.

Why We Do What We Do

"My name is Chris Hartley and I am writing to you in respect to homeless people like myself with negative aspects of living on the streets and also dealing with landlords and addiction problems. I would like to address this note for my thanks to Donnie Bennett and Darcy Harvey and the clients at Direction 180. I would like to note to others how my life was hard with being on the streets and being on drugs. I want to thank everyone for their support and for being there for me and showing me the positive ways to stay clean. I also want to thank Donnie for his help for getting me a place and being a friend and supporting me when I needed it the most. I feel there should be more people and more places like Halifax Housing Help that can help homeless people with housing and addiction places as well. I would like to thank everyone once again for their support and help they have given me."

Housing is More than Just a Roof; it's a Stable Foundation

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What do we do?

Who do we work with?

HHH works with single individuals with complex and on-going barriers to housing stability. These individuals may regularly access the HRM shelter system, drop-in services, and other community agencies and services .

Housing Support

The HHH teams works with an individual and their closest supports to identify their key barriers to maintaining housing and work with them to address these to access and keep housing or to maintain their current tenancy.

Emergency Fund

In order to support someone to address their barriers to housing stability, there are often key financial barriers that must be overcome. HHH has a limited emergency fund available to remove these immediate financial barriers while supporting individuals in preventing these issues from reoccurring.

Funds can Help

- Utility arrears
- Moving costs
- Rental arrears
- Damage deposits
- Apartment cleaning
- Veterinary costs

More About Us

We Support Those who Live:

- In Shelters
- On the Street
- In Public Housing
- In Private Housing
- In Rooming Houses

Who come from:

- Corrections
- Addiction treatment programs
- Hospital stays

Who have:

- Mental Health issues
- Addiction issues

Ways we can help

- Apartment Maintenance
- Housing Search
- Trusteeship
- Moving Assistance
- Connecting to Other Services (Medical, Incom Assistance, Legal, Social, Vocational, etc.)
- Being an On-Going Stable Support when Issues Arise in Housing

Collaboration, Community

The HHH Project emphasizes a non-judgmental community development approach , building positive raport and trust between HHH team members and the individual accessing the Service. Particiants feel they are a part of the service and often seek to be more involved. These opportunities are provided through honoraria support for:

- Representation on the HHH Community Advisory Board
- Assisting Others with their Apartments
- Assisting with Moving
- Janitorial Support
- Assisiting with HHH Office Tasks



Trusteeship

A high number of individuals who access HHH have repeated issues with rental arrears. The HHH trustee program helps to remove this key barrier to housing stability while also giving important access to other forms of support as well. also giving important access to other forms of support as well.

