

Homelessness Prevention

ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES

Streetohome is shifting its focus to address unemployment and addiction. Our goal is to leverage and broker a comprehensive system response intended to ensure that homelessness in Vancouver is prevented whenever possible and, when homelessness can't be prevented, to ensure the experience is least harmful, brief and non-recurring.

Research has clearly demonstrated that people experiencing homelessness want to work and need to overcome barriers to employment. A new Employment Access Board Committee is committed to ensuring that these individuals be given opportunities and the support they need to succeed.

Similarly, 53% of the homeless are living with a substance use disorder. A new Addiction Recovery Board Committee is working to leverage solutions that remove barriers and support the needs of individuals when they are ready to address their addiction.

WE NEED MORE HELP

Streetohome has a small team of three and a part-time bookkeeper to support the Board to deliver the outcomes that change lives and build futures. Three new initiatives around employment and addiction recovery require project management support to ensure that each initiative unfolds in a timely fashion and according to the plan, budget and deliverables.

1. Work With Us: a self-sustainable and innovative model that matches employer needs with employee capabilities.
2. Pre-Care & Transitional Housing: is an on-demand recovery pathway that immediately addresses the housing, health and employment goals of the homeless.
3. Long Term Live-in Addiction Recovery program – Two to four-year peer-led based addiction recovery program with a strong focus on employment training and life skills development.

Streetohome
has committed
\$200,000

Help us fund it!

With additional *temporary* help, we will be able to:

- **Assemble a business case** that clearly illustrates the cost and cost savings of introducing three new, innovative and promising practices in Vancouver.
- **Plan, build, test and improve each project** to ensure optimal use of limited funds and initiatives that incorporate lean sustainability strategies.
- Incubate Work With Us – a new charity that will implement an evidence-based IT platform to **connect employers** facing workforce shortages **with vulnerable people seeking jobs** who are assessed to be a match.
- Implement an evidence-based Pre-Care & Transitional Housing model that optimizes flow through publicly funded live-in addiction recovery beds and provides wrap-around supports pre- and post-intervention to **facilitate better outcomes**.
- **Explore a long term, live-in addiction recovery model** for the smaller population of individuals who require this intensity and duration of programming to better address the addiction crisis.

Streethome Foundation is working to leverage pathways out of homelessness in Vancouver. By the end of 2016, our funding has directly helped more than 2,600 vulnerable people through new supportive housing and homelessness prevention programs.

