

Women & Families Centre

THE PROJECT

Streetohome is partnering with Union Gospel Mission (UGM) to develop the Women & Families Centre that will change the lives of our city's most vulnerable women and new mothers by empowering women to recover their lives – giving them an opportunity to break free from the devastating cycles of addiction, poverty, homelessness and the sex trade. This new purpose-built, recovery-support project will enable single women and women with children to rebuild their lives. This project provides the opportunity for mothers and children to stay together, as well as working towards reuniting children with their mothers in cases where they have been removed from their care, giving children and families a strong foundation to build a better future.

Filling a gap in the service continuum

In addition to long waitlists for existing services, there are considerable gaps in the addiction recovery services continuum (e.g., women and babies) and making matters worse, transitions between withdrawal and early stabilization, live-in treatment, recovery housing and continuing self-care are not coordinated leading many to fall through the cracks along the way. The Women & Family Centre provides a comprehensive continuum of care that is a one-stop shop – offering a range of services (including child care) – all under one roof, ensuring that women are supported every step of the way on their journey to recovery.

Streetohome is fundraising
\$720,000.

Help us fund it!



The Women & Families Centre WILL PROVIDE:

- **Recovery outreach** to build trust and relationships with women and women with children who are asking for help and not yet committed to addiction recovery
- **Recovery stabilization** support to ensure that women are housed, become healthy enough and ready to commit to the hard work of addiction recovery
- **36 addiction recovery housing units** where women can focus on developing: personal insights; confidence in utilizing practical tools; and trust in their personal wellness and safety plan
- **Longer term recovery housing** that enables women, and women with children, to grow their strength and pursue vocational opportunities as they move towards self-sufficiency
- Participate in a digital Community of Practice with organizations considering the ARCH model to **share successes, challenges, lessons learned** and plans for continuous quality improvement.

This project construction is expected to start in 2019, with a targeted completion in 2021.

Help empower women to recover their lives.

The Women & Families Centre model essentially aligns with Streetohome's innovative research-based Addiction Recovery Community Housing (ARCH) model and its design and practices will inform similar models unfolding across the province to change lives and build better futures.

