



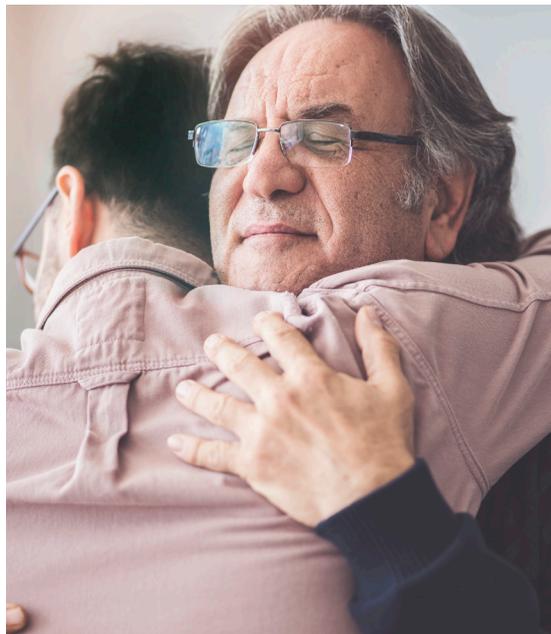
Homeward Bound

The Project

Some homeless individuals in Vancouver have migrated to the city with plans and dreams for their future. Unfortunately, high rents, a tight job market and/or adverse life events

(e.g., relationship break-up, medical crisis, job loss, etc.) can result in these individuals becoming at-risk for homelessness or even living in an emergency shelter.

Homeward Bound provides an opportunity to reconnect with family and/or friends in their chosen community and confirm that moving back is in their best interests.



Filling a gap in the service continuum

Returning to a chosen community where one has a historical support network and is familiar with service navigation may be a comforting and reassuring change in environment from being overwhelmed and isolated in Vancouver.

Homeward Bound facilitates a reconnection and prepares each individual wanting to return, as well as their support network at the receiving end, for a successful transition. The program funds the preferred mode of transportation, meals enroute, and continues contact to ensure arrival and community integration.



Homeward Bound at a glance:

The Homeward Bound Coordinator works closely with individuals and family/friend sponsors before and after the transition to ensure a successful move. To this end, Coordinators:



Verify that individuals **have acceptable housing and enough support** in their chosen location.



Help individuals to develop goals and a plan they can initiate once they get settled (e.g., education, employment, health care, longer-term housing).



Purchase tickets, provide meal funding enroute, and ensure that clothing meets the needs of the new environment.



Confirm that individuals are healthy to travel, sheltered, fed before they embark and accompanied to the mode of transportation.



Connect upon arrival and as necessary to ensure that the individual is housed and supported to move along their preferred life path.

Streethome is fundraising for \$75,000.

Help us fund it!