



Homeward Bound

Many individuals migrate to Vancouver with plans and dreams for their future. Unfortunately, the affordability crisis, a tight job market and/or adverse life events such as a relationship break-up, medical crisis, or job loss, can result in these individuals falling into homelessness.

Homeward Bound provides an opportunity to return to a community with verified housing and supports from family or friends, before these individuals become entrenched in homelessness in Vancouver. Individuals have accessed Homeward Bound for assistance in returning to communities across Canada, restarting their lives with the support they need to get back on their feet.



“I saw Homeward Bound as an opportunity to change my life - I could have my old life back. My family wanted to bring me home, but weren’t able to afford it. Homeward Bound made things a lot easier because they were able to cover the travel costs.”

-DAN, HOMEWARD BOUND PARTICIPANT

Streethome is fundraising \$75,000.

Change lives and build better futures with us!

A Comforting and Reassuring Change

Every \$25,000 helps 74 individuals move to a community with housing and support where they can stabilize and move forward with their lives.

Returning to a familiar community where one has an established support network and knows how to navigate the system is a comforting and reassuring change in environment from being overwhelmed and isolated in Vancouver.

How Homeward Bound helps individuals transition successfully

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 sufficient support** in their chosen community.
- Help individuals to **develop goals and a plan** they can initiate once they get settled (e.g., education, employment, health care, longer-term housing).
- Arrange travel, **purchase tickets**, provide meal funding enroute, and ensure that clothing meets the needs of the new environment.
- Confirm that **individuals are accompanied to the mode of transportation**, healthy to travel, sheltered, and fed before they embark.
- Follow-up and **connect upon arrival** and as necessary to ensure that the individual continues to be housed and supported to move along their preferred life path.

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About Streetohome

Our Role

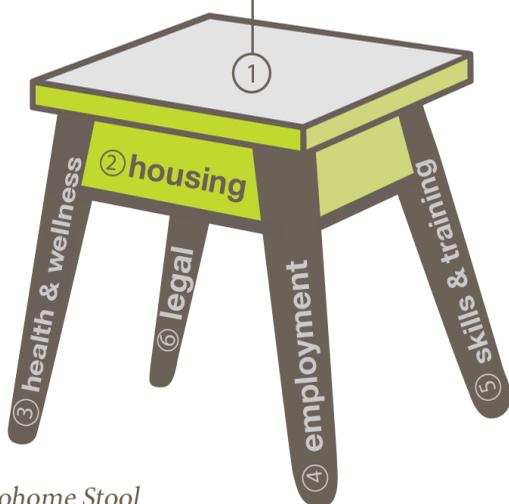
Streetohome is changing lives and building better futures by working with the private sector to broker and leverage new funding, innovative ideas, and opportunities for collaboration with public and nonprofit sectors to implement sustainable solutions to homelessness in Vancouver. Streetohome strives to address gaps in services to meet the housing; employment & volunteering; education, skills & training; health & wellness; legal & advocacy; and community & belonging needs of vulnerable individuals with lived experience of, or at-risk for, homelessness.

How we work

- Promoting a systematic approach – a comprehensive set of connected services
- Searching for evidence-based practices that fill gaps in the homelessness services system
- Brokering collaborative relationships that pool and optimize limited resources
- Leveraging private sector contributions (*often at 10:1*) and sharing both risks and successes

Thriving Citizens

Safety & Belonging



Streetohome Stool

- 1 Personal, gender and cultural safety and inclusiveness; community integration and sense of belonging.**
- 2 Meet immediate needs (e.g. shelter, supportive housing, recovery housing).**
- 3 Health and wellness: physical and mental wellness, dental, hearing, vision and/or substance use.**
- 4 Connect and support employers and employees, along with organizations and volunteers, in labour market and community engagement.**
- 5 Life skills; high school equivalency diploma; work readiness; professional certification.**
- 6 Resolution of legal issues (e.g. landed immigrant status, child custody, criminal charges), and/or advocacy to defend or safeguard individual rights.**

Our Track Record



\$32M

raised since 2008



4,817

individuals who will not be counted as homeless in Vancouver since 2008

It has been amazing and comforting to see how people, where possible, have pivoted, adapted, and moved ideas and projects forward to fill gaps in the homelessness services system.

*-JOHN MCLERNON,
Streethome Board Chair*

Capital funding contributed to



24

supportive housing buildings (1,400 homes) since 2008



11

homelessness prevention initiatives since 2008

Key Prevention Initiative Highlights



836

loans issued by the Vancouver Rent Bank, preventing 1,439 individuals from becoming homeless since 2012



126

individuals with lived experience of homelessness found a job assignment with the help of **WorkWithUs** since 2017



54

Homeward Bound participants moved to their chosen community with verified housing and supports since 2019



89

individuals moved from supportive housing to affordable, independent housing of their choosing through Supporting Tenants, Enabling Pathways (STEP) since 2017