

# 2022 Annual Report





# A message from the Board Chair and CEO

"A good project, good people and great strategy, along with lots of energy – there's no knowing how far you'll go," says our Board Chair, John McLernon.

2022 has been a year of change, looking back at our successes, taking stock of lessons learned and adjusting. As we move into 2023, we are adapting our strategic framework and renewing our commitment to taking a two-pronged approach to improve homelessness. In the last 15 years, we've learned that housing isn't enough, and that a holistic approach must be taken to best support individuals and their unique needs.

The Streetohome Stool remains our guiding force, where innovative housing models and promising support services will address multiple aspects of the Stool. A stool with only one leg, or a program that doesn't look at the variety of needs an individual has, cannot be very effective.

We want to thank the people on the Board, our Committees, and the team, who remain committed to finding those good projects, good people, and a great strategy to change lives and build better futures.

John McLernon, Board Chair Rob Turnbull, Ph.D., CHE President & CEO

# **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

### for New Initiatives

- Verify that any proposed initiative will effectively address a systems gap

  Avoid duplication and review the evidence-base for a proposed program or service
- 2 Corroborate stakeholder support for the initiative
  Broker relationships and trust among Streetohome Partners (City of Vancouver, Vancouver Coastal Health, BC
  Housing, and Vancouver Police) and between Streetohome and service providers (e.g., inclusive study trips)
- 3 Identify how the initiative will be integrated into existing systems

  Be wary of parallel systems, accompanying inefficiencies, and confusing system navigation
- 4 Ensure a trusted service provider partner is committed to leading the initiative

  Confirm validation of the model with prospective clientele and service provider's Board support
- 5 Demonstrate confidence in fundraising by focus-testing appeal with donors
  Substantiate service provider's ability to sustain funding
- 6 Guarantee that data is accessible, collected, evaluated, and shared
  Streetohome has predefined reporting requirements in funding agreements

Housing is only one of several dimensions of any thriving citizen. Individuals with lived experience of, or at-risk for, homelessness may have multiple unmet needs.



- 1 Personal, gender, and cultural safety; sense of belonging; inclusiveness; and community integration.
- 2 Housing needs (e.g., family reunification, independent housing, shelter, supportive housing, addiction treatment/recovery housing).
- 3 Care for problematic substance use, mental health challenges, and physical well-being including vision, auditory, and dental health.
- 4 Labour market engagement and purposeful activity by connecting employers with employees and organizations with volunteers.
- 5 Life skills development; high-school equivalency; continuing education; knowledge & skills certification; work readiness skills; and/or job training.
- 6 Resolution of legal issues including immigration status, justice system involvement, securing government benefits, family law, housing and employment rights.



John McLernon, Board Chair and Kevin Bent, Incoming Board Chair

# **Gone fishing**

We've learned many lessons since our start in 2008, and have built a repertoire of more than a few John-isms over the years.

One of our favourites – "we can't build ourselves out of homelessness," – signified a strategic shift towards prevention to fill gaps in the system, rather than focusing exclusively on building supportive housing. Under John's leadership, Streetohome has contributed to 35 projects – 23 supportive housing buildings and 12 prevention projects since 2008. Now, after 15 years at the helm, John McLernon is stepping down as Board Chair.

"Streetohome's role is to improve homelessness and mitigate its impact – we've learned that there's no single, silver bullet solution to ending it," says John. "Our success lies in being able to gather key people to look at what we're doing, collaborate and enhance each other's projects, find gaps in the homelessness services system, and broker innovative projects that can fill those gaps."

Not only did Streetohome discover that a one-size-fits-all solution simply won't produce better outcomes for many, but there was a cost efficiency to focusing on prevention, explains John. These smaller prevention and recovery projects such as the Vancouver Rent Bank; Supporting Tenants, Enabling Pathways (STEP); Homeward Bound; Recovery Café; or Want2, may help a more niche or smaller cohort of people at the start, especially when compared to housing hundreds at a time in a high-rise. However, their sustainability adds up exponentially, at less cost per person compared to building a supportive housing unit.

"It just came to me one day. Construction is expensive and we've seen housing projects that didn't go according to plan due to a lack of understanding around tenants' needs. We needed more knowledge around what their individual needs were, and alternative ways to help them that would complement their housing so they could move forward in their lives," explains John.

"Connection is the most important thing in life – to be connected with friends, teammates, neighbours – you can't function effectively without it. If you don't have a community, your physical and mental wellness goes downhill fast. The more we can help people become a part of the community, the better outcomes we'll see for those experiencing homelessness," explains John.

"We've learned some really good lessons since our start. One of the key takeaways for me is that there's so many people doing wonderful work in this sector, as well as around the world. You don't need to reinvent the wheel. We've been able to take a lot of good ideas and adapt them for Vancouver in a way where they've had a major impact on street homelessness."

As Streetohome moves forward, there will be a renewed focus on the Streetohome Stool's domains to enhance and complement promising support services, and bring innovative housing models to Vancouver – especially those projects that bring a sense of belonging to individuals, along with promoting mutual concern and accountability for one another, says Kevin.

# "We aren't looking for home runs – we're looking for solid base hits." - John McLernon

"We need to understand community and how to foster and improve it to better people's lives. The Recovery Café is a great example of this," he says.

John's departure coincides with the renewal of our strategic framework, led by founding directors Geoff Cowper and Kevin Bent. Kevin has also stepped up to take the helm as incoming Board Chair in 2023.

"When I first sat down with John to hear about his vision for Streetohome, and some of the potential Board members he was approaching, I couldn't help but think that this was a very, very cool initiative," says Kevin. As we continue our journey under Kevin's leadership, John says he is confident we'll accomplish what we set out to do in our renewed strategic framework, and continue to make a positive impact on homelessness in Vancouver.

With his never-ending passion for addressing homelessness, John will continue to be involved in special projects and committees. This isn't goodbye, but merely an, 'I'll see you later.'

# Renewing our commitment to changing lives and building better futures

2022 proved to be the end of an era for Streetohome. Our founding Board Chair, John McLernon, initiated a strategic renewal process to revitalize our commitment to addressing homelessness and its impact on Vancouver, as he announced his departure as Chair in 2023.

It's been 15 years since Streetohome was initiated by John at the Vancouver Foundation, inspired by his work with homeless youth. He brought together a strong Board of people with varying perspectives who worked cohesively as a team to impact change. Two of these individuals, founding directors Geoff Cowper and Kevin Bent, are leading the strategic planning process.

"Streetohome is an unbiased, trusted advisor and steward bringing a global private sector lens to local community initiatives, helping to ensure the best outcomes."

- Darwin Schandor, Committee Member

"When we started in 2008, we hoped that by advancing Housing First we'd enable existing services to fully engage with homeless people and to address the circumstances of their lives that needed help – whether it was mental health supports or recovery or something else," says Geoff Cowper, and Co-chair of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, alongside Kevin Bent.

"We've since tweaked our strategy and tactics to really look at where there were gaps in the system to put programs in place that had a significant impact in those areas," explains Kevin.

As we move forward, our efforts will focus on complementing existing services and contributing to a holistic approach to meet the diverse needs of individuals, including: employment; learning, training & skills; housing; health & wellness;

legal & advocacy; and community & belonging. Promising support services will be brokered and leveraged to complement the current system, alongside innovative housing models that include a comprehensive array of supports to reflect those needs.

"The community and belonging piece is really important now, especially in addressing mental health and substance use challenges. You need to feel valued, get up in the morning with a purpose, share what you're doing and be able to rely on friends and family for feedback and support based on what you think is important in your life. It's vitally imperative to being a well-rounded, thriving individual," says Kevin. "Delancey Street is a great example of this. It incorporates training, employment, and housing together while creating a culture of belonging and mutual accountability for participants."

Individuals are more likely to have improved outcomes when they're able to find services and

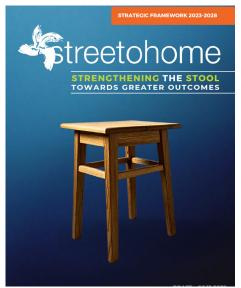
"We're able to take risks and focus on adapting successful models proven in other jurisdictions to contribute to a more robust homelessness services system in Vancouver."

- Alan Peretz, Committee Member

supports that meet their individual needs and desires, rather than a one-size-fits-all solution.

"We've learned that engagement with services, and a variety of options to choose from, is critical to the success of clients," says Geoff.

"Housing without that engagement with services is inadequate and incomplete. When you read the strategic framework, the main takeaway is that we







Top: Geoff Cowper, Co-Chair, Strategic Plan Steering Committee (SPSC)

Bottom: Kevin Bent (SPSC Co-Chair); Members: Joanne Gassman, Alan Peretz, Darwin Schandor

need to focus our response to ensure that we maximize the accessibility of services to clients when we engage in new projects, as well as existing housing and programs."

"I hope we can become a leader in connecting services with clients both in existing and new projects; be a champion in ensuring that people make the progress they want in their lives; and figure out how to best equip them and walk with them to make that progress," says Geoff.

Streetohome's renewed strategic framework will be released by the end of 2023.

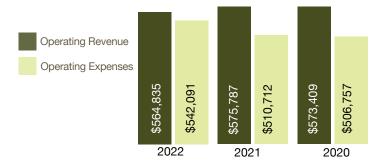
"We've excelled at finding opportunities that no one else is addressing and engaging with others to enhance the system, and we'll continue to build on this going forward."

- Joanne Gassman, Committee Member

## **Streetohome Financials**

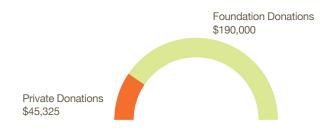
### **Operating Revenues/Expenses**

Operations are funded by contributions from BC Housing, City of Vancouver, Vancouver Coastal Health, and private donors.



#### Gifts Received in 2022

**100% of capital donations** received directly fund homelessness prevention initiatives or supportive housing.



#### **Grants Disbursed in 2022**



**\$400,000** (of \$2M) Recovery Cafe



**\$79,773** (of \$375,000) Want2



\$2,500 (of \$50,000) ATC Facilitator Training



\$100,000 (of \$400,000) STEP

**Total Other Disbursments** 

Streetohome Strategic Planning, Streetohome Admin Employment Pilot, Delancey Street BC: \$40,780

#### **Volunteer & In-Kind Services**

Our small team is grateful for the commitment of our volunteers who have generously donated their knowledge, skills and time.

\*Calculated using Volunteer Canada's hourly value (<a href="https://bit.ly/2XzULM6">https://bit.ly/2XzULM6</a>), with the exception of professional hourly market rates

2,893
Volunteer
Hours

\$138,706 Value-Add of Volunteer Time

59 Volunteers



# Thank-you for 'changing lives and building futures'

We take great pride that 100% of every dollar from our donors goes directly to leveraging new supportive housing and homelessness prevention programs. Since 2008, we have raised \$35 million, and with our partners, the Province and the City, have supported 35 projects (supportive housing & homelessness prevention) that have contributed to housing stability for nearly 9,000 individuals including unaccompanied youth, families, couples, single adults and seniors. These individuals are being supported to reach their goals (employment & volunteering; learning, training & skills; housing; health & wellness; legal & advocacy; and community & belonging) and move on with their lives. Together, we are truly changing lives and building better futures.

#### **Corporate & Employee Donations**

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Canada Foundation for Innovation

Canucks For Kids

Carraresi Foundation

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Crosby Family Fund, held at Nicola

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Face of Today Foundation

Face the World Foundation

Fernwood Foundation

Giustra Foundation

Freyvogel-Preiswerck Fund, held at

Vancouver Foundation

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Vancouver Foundation

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Adrian Hamel Eric and Elizabeth Southam Karis Maguire

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B James -

IMO Ida Goodreau

Bev Arthur -

IMO Lindsay & Eric Lowerison

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Ernesto Salvi -

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Joanne & Gary Vansevenant -

IMO Ida Goodreau John & Maria VanLith – IMO Ida Goodreau Joyce Jones –

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IMO Ethan Rae

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Tara Walter -

IMO Gavin Craig

William MacDonald -

IMO Ethan Rae

Anonymous -

IMO Ethan Rae

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Martinson

#### **Community**

Crofton House

First Baptist Church

Grey Matter Event

Killarney Secondary School

Mount Seymour United Church

# **2022 Board of Directors**

John McLernon Chair, Streetohome Foundation

Honorary Chairman & Co-Founder Colliers International

Lloyd Craig Vice-Chair, Streetohome Foundation

Former CEO, Coast Capital Savings



From left to right: Kevin Bent, Vice-Chair (up to June 2022); Joanne Gassman, Corporate Director; Rob Turnbull, President & CEO, Streetohome Foundation; Lara Dauphinee, Fiore Group; Geoffrey Cowper, Fasken Martineau (up to June 2022); John McLernon, Board Chair; John Mackay, Strand Properties; Fiona Wilson, Vancouver Police Department; Kevin Falcon, Anthem Properties (up to June 2022); Bob Chapman, Vancouver Coastal Health; Lloyd Craig, Vice-Chair; Sherri Magee, Corporate Director

\*Missing from photo: Alan Peretz, KPMG; Paul Mochrie, City of Vancouver; and Shayne Ramsay, BC Housing (up to September 2022); Darwin Schandor, National Bank of Canada (beginning June 2022); Jennifer Twiner McCarron, Atomic Cartoons/Thunderbird Entertainment (beginning June 2022)

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