



Homeward Bound

Returning to a Place of Belonging

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.



“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

Streetohome is fundraising \$125,000.

Change lives and build better futures with us!

A Familiar 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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