



STRONGER TOGETHER

A PROVEN PARTNERSHIP THAT ADDRESSES CRITICAL
GAPS IN VANCOUVER'S HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE



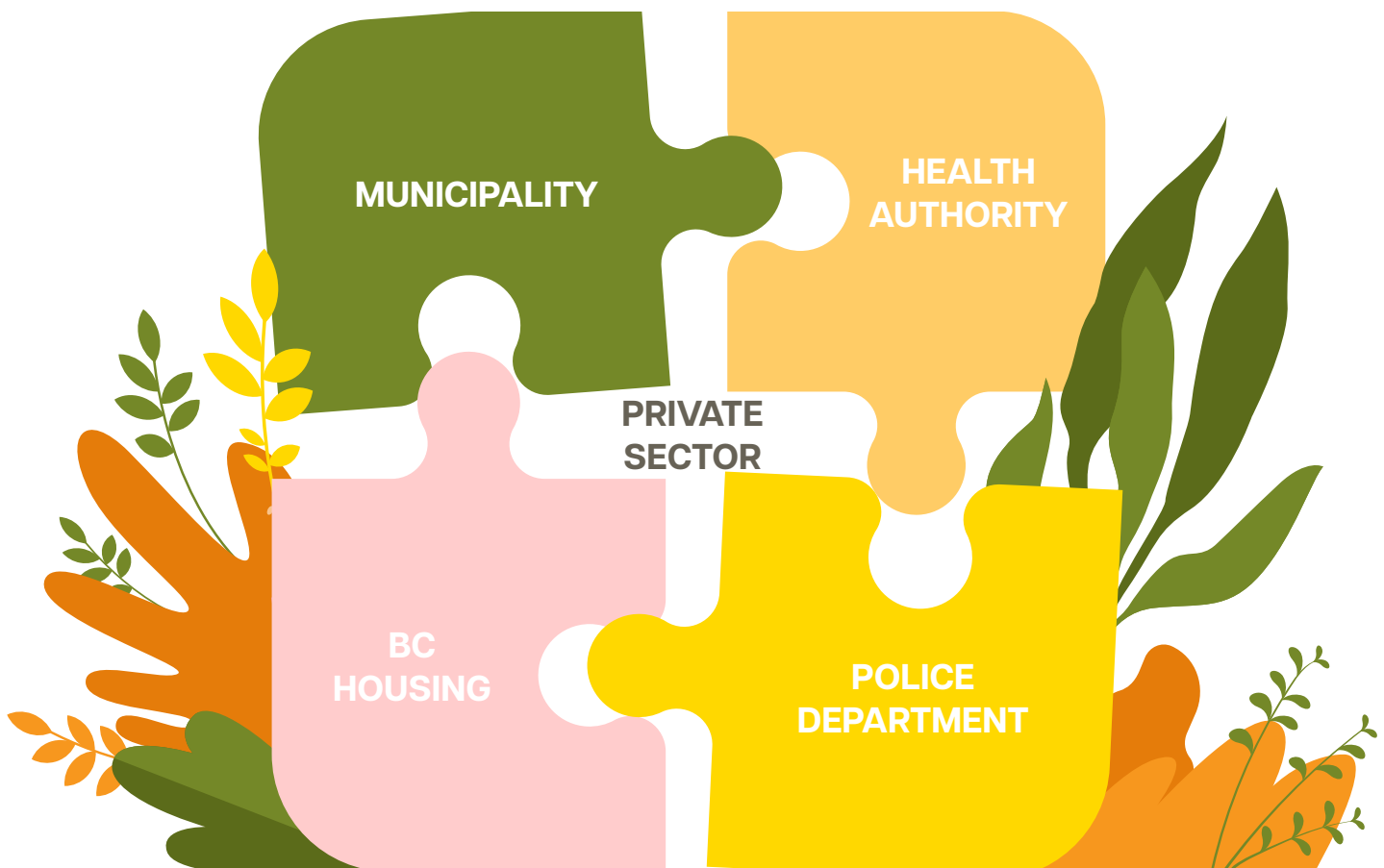
THE UNIQUE SCALABLE MODEL

Streetohome is committed to transforming the homelessness support system across British Columbia by focusing on sustainable, long-term solutions. Our model brings together **health authorities, law enforcement, housing providers, businesses, and local governments** to align resources, recognize shared challenges, and develop integrated solutions that strengthen the entire housing ecosystem.

At the heart of Streetohome's work is our dedication to supporting individuals facing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. We focus on a wide range of needs – **from housing, legal, advocacy, and belonging to health, education, employment, and safety** – ensuring that every individual can work toward self-sufficiency and a fulfilling life on their own terms.

We broker partnerships between the public, private, and non-profit sectors to create a collaborative, resource-driven framework that delivers holistic, personalized support. By encouraging the private sector to take smart, calculated risks, we promote the development and validation of innovative solutions supported by all partners.

This approach isn't just about providing resources – it's about empowering individuals and communities to thrive, creating sustainable, long-term change that extends far beyond immediate relief.





WE CAN'T **BUILD** OURSELVES OUT OF HOMELESSNESS

Individuals with lived experience of, or at-risk for, homelessness may have **multiple unmet needs**.

Housing is only one of several dimensions of any thriving citizen.



THE STREETHOME STOOL

1 SAFETY & BELONGING

Personal, gender, spiritual and cultural safety; sense of belonging; inclusiveness; and community integration.

2 HOUSING

Meet immediate needs (e.g., family reunification, independent housing, shelter, supportive housing, live-in addiction treatment/recovery housing).

3 HEALTH & WELLNESS

Support for problematic substance use, mental health challenges, and physical well-being including vision, auditory, and dental health.

4 EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEERING

Support employers and employees in labour market engagement. Connect organizations and volunteers to facilitate community activity.

5 EDUCATION & TRAINING

Life skills development; high school equivalency; continuing education; knowledge and skills certification; work readiness skills; and/or job training.

6 LEGAL & ADVOCACY

Resolution of legal issues including immigration status, justice system involvement, securing government benefits, family law, housing and employment rights.

HOUSING INITIATIVES OVER THE YEARS



SUPPORT SERVICES THAT FILL GAPS

JANUARY 2027

Therapeutic Community Farm

A structured process that fosters growth, skills, and accountability
Funding: \$ 5,450,000

SEPTEMBER 2023

Adapted Therapeutic Community

Provides an additional therapeutic choice to individuals seeking support.
Funding: \$ 50,000

JANUARY 2022

Recovery Café Vancouver

A place of belonging for people in recovery to participate in an intentional community of mutual support.
Funding: \$ 16,103,000

MAY 2019

Homeward Bound

Supporting safe returns home for homeless individuals seeking stability, connection.
Funding: \$ 125,000

DECEMBER 2017

STEP Program

First program in province to assist people ready to move on with lives towards self-sufficiency.
Funding: \$ 200,000

SEPTEMBER 2012

Vancouver Rent Bank

Interest free loans for people in danger of eviction or essential utility cut-off.
Funding: \$ 456,000

AUGUST 2011

Portable Rent Subsidy Program

Safe, affordable housing for men, women and families who live with HIV/AIDS.
Funding: \$ 45,000

SEPTEMBER 2026

Addiction Recovery Community Housing

Full continuum of care housing pathway combining Traditional Healing and Western Medicine.
Funding: \$ 800,000

JUNE 2022

Want2 App + LIAP

Helps individuals with unmet needs prioritize goals, and find required resources.
Funding: \$ 243,754

DECEMBER 2019

Recovery Community Centres Collaborative

Streethome identified seven RCCs currently operating in the Greater Vancouver Area and developed a business case on the RCC concept.

MARCH 2018

St. Paul's The HUB

Includes 10 clinical treatment spaces and a transitional centre for eight individuals.
Funding: \$ 500,000

NOVEMBER 2017

WorkWithUs

Program that matches individuals seeking employment with employer workforce needs.
Funding: \$ 300,000

JANUARY 2012

Covenant House

Program offering homeless and at-risk youth a safe place and other supports.
Funding: \$ 500,000

APRIL 2008

Heat Shelters

Basic shelter for people who would otherwise be on the street.
Funding: \$ 500,000

THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY FARM (TCF)



Across British Columbia, many people motivated to change their lives leave treatment or corrections without the long-term support needed to rebuild independent lives. The **Therapeutic Community Farm (TCF)** located in NanOOSE Bay offers a fundamentally different pathway: a two-year, peer-led residential community where residents live, work, and grow together in a structured, values-based environment. On this 47-acre farm, recovery is treated as a social process rather than a purely clinical one. By integrating time, structure, and meaningful responsibility, residents gain the confidence and practical skills required to achieve lasting independence.

Streetohome is providing the critical operational seed funding and start-up capital required to launch the program and its social enterprises. Aiming for full operations by the 2026 growing season, the TCF will provide residents with hands-on vocational experience from day one, fostering a sense of purpose that translates directly to the workforce.

Pillars of Recovery

- **Community as Method:** Residents experience a healthy, pro-social “family” environment where caring for land, animals, and one another restores dignity and self-worth.
- **Peer Leadership:** Residents progress through increasing levels of responsibility, with senior residents mentoring newcomers to build a culture of mutual accountability.
- **Meaningful Work:** Daily responsibility in social enterprises – including sustainable agriculture, culinary arts, and property maintenance – builds real-world skills and pride in contribution.
- **Structure & Life Skills:** Clear routines and practical training in financial literacy and healthy habits create the predictability essential for long-term stability.

“TCF is more than treatment, housing, or agriculture – it is a community where work, wellness, and time converge to create lasting change.”

BUSINESS CASES DEVELOPED



SHARED LIVING & MUTUAL SUPPORT (2023)

A more affordable option for individuals that enhances personal safety, reduces carbon footprint, addresses isolation and loneliness, and enables sharing lives and mutual support.



ADDICTION RECOVERY COMMUNITY HOUSING (2023)

A promising model for a 2.5+ year recovery housing pathway that would ensure smooth transitions and continued housing and care between withdrawal management, treatment, recovery, and community reintegration.



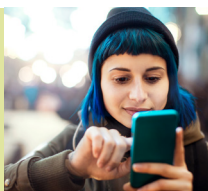
NAVIGATION CENTRE (2020)

Navigation Centres support unsheltered individuals through case management and personalized housing solutions. They focus on prevention, leveraging personal strengths and networks to avoid long-term homelessness.



RECOVERY COMMUNITY CENTRE (2019)

RCCs offer peer-led, community support beyond clinical care, helping individuals sustain recovery by building personal, social, and cultural resources. They provide coaching, workshops, support groups, and volunteering.



WANT2 - LIFE INTENTIONS ACTION PLANNER APP (2019)

The project aimed to assist individuals experiencing homelessness by providing a self-assessment tool, personalized resource suggestions, and a stigma-reducing experience to improve access to support and services.



DELANCEY STREET BC (2018)

An adaptation of an evidence-based 2-year vocational training model that promotes life skills, prosocial behaviour, and successful transition from prison to fully contributing citizens.



LIVE-IN ADDICTION RECOVERY SERVICES (2017)

This project reviewed BC's Tier 4 and 5 live-in addiction recovery programs to map out treatment beds and identify challenges in the current addiction recovery system such as timely access to appropriate services.



HOMELESSNESS SERVICE INTEGRATION (2016)

Considered the efficiency of integrating the Vancouver Rent Bank; Supporting Tenants, Enabling Pathways; and Homeward Bound initiatives under one agency.



HR MANAGEMENT SHARED SERVICES (2012)

Promoted shared services among three large non-profits to overcome challenges in attracting, developing, engaging, scheduling, paying, and retaining a qualified workforce.

IN-FOCUS: CHOSEN FAMILY PODS



Chosen Family Pods (CFPs) are a shared housing model designed to increase affordability and make homes accessible to individuals on low or fixed incomes – including those at risk of, or with lived experience of, homelessness. **In a CFP, three or more people who already know each other choose to live together like a ‘chosen family,’** sharing common spaces while maintaining private bedrooms.

CFPs provide more than just affordable rent – they rebuild the social connections that make housing stable. Residents support one another with day-to-day challenges, reduce isolation, and strengthen both emotional and economic security. By sharing costs and responsibilities, residents can stay in familiar neighborhoods despite rising rents or move to areas they otherwise couldn’t afford.

This model works for diverse groups, including youth, seniors, social assistance recipients, students, immigrants, refugees, and low-income workers. Beyond affordability, CFPs foster a sense of belonging, choice, and dignity – helping people feel at home, not just housed.

While CFPs increase rental supply and shared living options, barriers remain. Outdated zoning rules limit the number of unrelated individuals who can live together. Unlocking the full potential of CFPs requires policy changes at municipal and provincial levels, along with incentives across all levels of government, enabling communities across British Columbia to create homes that reflect how people actually live and care for one another.

IN-PROCESS: NEW BUSINESS CASE



Thought Leaders' Action Group (TAG) is a collaborative initiative led by the Streethome Foundation **to address a longstanding gap in BC's response to individuals exiting the provincial correctional system with undertreated or untreated mental illness.** This population often faces significant barriers to reintegration, including unstable housing, untreated mental health and addiction challenges, and limited access to supportive services. Without the right interventions, many fall into cycles of homelessness, relapse, and re-incarceration.

Streethome is spearheading TAG to bring together a diverse and committed group of leaders from across sectors – including justice, health, housing, Indigenous communities, academia, and non-profits. Together, the group will co-design a **comprehensive, evidence-informed, and sustainable model** of therapeutic community-based housing with integrated mental health care.

With a focus on “whole person” reintegration, the TAG initiative emphasizes more than just housing – it prioritizes **life skills development, community belonging, and access to vocational training and treatment supports that are culturally safe and trauma-informed.** Through book clubs, study tours, and working group sessions, members will explore international best practices, engage in cross-sector dialogue, and collectively develop a robust business case for a scalable solution that can be piloted and eventually expanded across BC.

Streethome's leadership ensures the initiative remains grounded, pragmatic, and action-oriented. The Foundation is providing coordination, logistical support, and facilitation while also stewarding the development of the demonstration project site and advocating for sustainable funding and policy alignment. TAG represents a critical step forward in Streethome's broader mission: to prevent homelessness by supporting innovative solutions that address root causes and create pathways to health, stability, and community connection.

THE BOARD COMMITTED TO CHANGING



KEVIN BENT

Chair, Streethome Foundation | CEO, Hula Management

Kevin is an exceptional business executive, with over 20 years of print and online media and marketing leadership experience. During this strong tenure, he held numerous senior sales and publishing roles throughout Canada.



GEOFFREY COWPER

Partner, Fasken Martineau

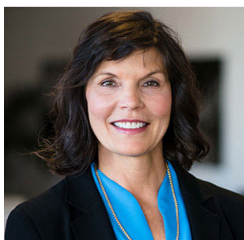
Geoff is a distinguished lawyer recognized for leading high-profile public inquiries and shaping landmark legal decisions. He has argued pivotal cases before the Supreme Court on constitutional, Indigenous, regulatory, and human rights issues.



JENNIFER TWINER MCCARRON

CEO, Atomic Cartoons

Jennifer is an award-winning producer and CEO of Thunderbird and Atomic Cartoons. She led Atomic's growth from 25 to over 1,200 artists, now overseeing 1,400+ staff across Thunderbird's studios and content brands.



DR. SHERRI MAGEE

Independent Director

Sherri is an oncology researcher with 25 years in Cancer Survivorship. She authored *Picking Up the Pieces: Moving Forward After Surviving Cancer* and leads recovery workshops for survivors and families across Canada.



ALAN PERETZ

Vice Chair, Strategic Markets, KPMG

Alan is responsible for KPMG's relationship with large organizations in BC and leads acquisition activity in the advisory practice. With 28+ years of experience, he helps clients manage risk through governance, policies, and controls.



MICHAEL ROWE

Superintendent, Vancouver Police Department

Michael leads the Investigative Support Services Section of the Vancouver Police Department. Since joining the VPD in 2002, he has served in diverse leadership roles spanning operations, investigations, tactical support, and major crime.

LIVES AND BUILDING BETTER FUTURES



SANDRA SINGH

Deputy City Manager, City of Vancouver

Sandra serves as the representative for the City of Vancouver. Her portfolio includes Arts, Culture and Community Services, the Office of the Chief Safety Officer, and the City's strategic response to complex social issues.



DARWIN SCHANDOR

Head of Private Wealth, Western Canada, Nicola Wealth

Darwin has 30+ years of financial services experience, including senior leadership roles at Nicola Wealth, Moneta Securities, National Bank, and RBC. He is recognized for his expertise in wealth management, private banking, and strategic growth.



CHRISTOPHER J.L. MACKAY

Director, Strand Financial Corporation

Chris is responsible for driving the Strand's acquisitions and financial investments. He also oversees the sourcing, analysis, and execution of new acquisitions, development projects, and financing transactions.



TARNJIT MCCAULEY

Executive Director for Community Operations, Vancouver Coastal Health

Tarnjit is a dynamic healthcare leader driving transformational change through strategic planning, operational excellence, and complex project delivery – shaping stronger communities through roles in clinical planning and community service.



MARY MANHAS

Head, Western Region, BMO Business Banking

Mary has several years of banking experience at BMO in sales leadership and strategy roles. She advocates for women's advancement in business and fosters a strong community network through mentorship and support.



DEBRA DOUCETTE, OBC

Chair, Odlum Brown

Debra brings over 35 years of investment industry experience, including 17 years as President and CEO of Odlum Brown. A champion of community giving, she was honoured with the Order of British Columbia in 2021 for her leadership and service.



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“Streethome invites the private sector to take smart risks alongside government and non-profits, pioneering innovative, sustainable solutions to homelessness – a model communities across B.C. can adopt.”

– John McLernon, Past Chair, Streethome Foundation (2008–2023)

“By coordinating efforts across sectors, Streethome addresses the root causes of homelessness, improving health and stability, and providing a framework for others to achieve similar outcomes.”

– Tarnjit McCauley, Executive Director for Community Operations, Vancouver Coastal Health

“Uniting health, police, housing, municipal, and private sectors, Streethome delivers comprehensive solutions for homelessness, addiction, and mental health – demonstrating an approach that can be adapted elsewhere.”

– Sherri Magee, Independent Director, Streethome Foundation

“Streethome closes critical gaps in housing and supports, offering a practical blueprint for communities across B.C. to make measurable progress on homelessness.”

– Kevin Bent, Chair, Streethome Foundation