



The Open Door

The Homes For Heroes Newsletter (July 2020)

Homes For Heroes Foundation www.h4hf.ca is proud to announce that the City of Edmonton councillors approved the land re-zoning for the second ATCO Homes For Heroes village to be built in the community of Evansdale (153rd Ave NW and 94 A ST NW). On June 9th, 2020 council met to review the project and upon recommendation from the City of Edmonton planning department approved the project to move forward.

This is a great accomplishment by our charity, the citizens of Edmonton and our supporters across Canada. We can now move forward with our plans to build this tiny home community featuring 20 homes, a resources center, counselors office, and full wrap-around support services for our Veterans having a challenging time transitioning back to civilian life. We are so thankful for the support given to us and our Canada Veterans by the businesses and citizens of Edmonton. So many stepped forward to lend their support for this village to be built in their community and we are thrilled we are now able to deliver for them. Edmonton is proud of those that have served, and this ruling is a fitting example of this pride.

"Serving your country sometimes comes at a cost to the individual service member. This Homes For Heroes initiative is one way the community at large can stand with their veterans to give them a helping hand in their time of need. They are deserving of our support." stated Malcolm Bruce, CEO Edmonton Global and Retired Lieutenant Colonel PPCLI.



908 ATCO Village

Since opening 908 ATCO Village in Calgary we have seen some incredible achievements by our tenants and our social service partners, The Mustard Seed and Veterans Affairs. There have already been three graduates from the program, 8 of 15 current tenants are working either part time or fulltime, and all tenants are working their individual programs. Our onsite counsellor Don MacLeod has been doing an excellent job working with our tenants to achieve their individual goals at the onsite Cooper-Key Resources Center. Don is a proud Veteran himself and we feel fortunate that he is working with us through The Mustard Seed. We still have much to learn but we are on the right path and are encouraged by the results to date.



Board Of Directors

Homes For Heroes would like to introduce our new board of directors and thank them for joining the team in our mission to end homelessness among our Canadian Veterans population.

Gerald Jackman (Chair) President & Managing Director of Excellerate Inc

Brian Rushfeldt Founder and President of The Leadership Gym

David Passingham Director, Business Development for PCL Construction Management Inc

Jodie Parmar Senior Director, Project Development, Western Canada, Canada Infrastructure Bank

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Dr. Sally Talbot-Jones Physician, Marda Loop Medical Clinic

The Board of Directors provides Homes For Heroes Foundation with governance to steer the organization's operations and ensure fiscal responsibility.



Treble

Victor

Homes For Heroes is excited to announce a new national partnership with the Treble Victor Group across Canada. Treble Victor is a Military Veteran Business Network with Chapters in Toronto, Montreal, Fredericton, Vancouver, Ottawa, Calgary, and Edmonton. Their mission is to enable ex-military leaders to achieve their full potential in the marketplace through their common values, teamwork, mentorship, and networking. All members of Treble Victor Group have served in the military at some time, some still serving as Regular Force or Reservists, but most have successfully transitioned or in the process of transitioning to fulfilling careers outside the military. They remain connected with one another through the experience of “Service to Country” and through their shared principles of mutual support, integrity, networking for success and a direct approach in style, words, and deeds. All these factors make them a perfect fit with Homes For Heroes and our mission to end homelessness among Canada’s veterans.



Father Lacombe Social Justice Club

Homes For Heroes would like to thank the students with the Social Justice Club at Father Lacombe High School. The Social Justice Club began several years ago with a vision to engage their youth, and alert them to the injustices many people face around the world and at the local level. This year's vision was to give back to the local community and students decided to fundraise for **Homes For Heroes** Foundation. Throughout the year students carried out many successful fundraising initiatives including coffee houses where students would come together to showcase their talents of spoken word, singing, comedy, magic acts, and board game challenges. Other initiatives include movie nights, bake sales, canteens at sporting events, the annual Colour Me Rad Race, a clothing drive, and a food drive for local families in need. Each of these events were student driven with the hope of bringing about a positive school community and giving back to our city. Bravo Zulu to the Social Justice Club at Father Lacombe High School.



Message From Our President

I want to thank all our donors and partners for their continued support during these uncertain times. Our team remains vigilant in our goal to end the issue of homelessness among our Veteran population and your patronage during these times is greatly appreciated. Certainly, our charity has felt the ripple effects of COVID-19, but as we move forward into the summer months, we are confident that our fundraising efforts will rebound.

Our team is working with municipalities, provincial leaders, and federal leaders to secure lands across Canada to build villages for those that once stood on guard for Canada. Our team has made some great progress over the last couple of months and we anticipate making a formal announcement regarding builds in Winnipeg and cities in Ontario in the next couple of months. Unfortunately, it took us close to three years to get the approval to build in Edmonton as the community engagement process takes time but is an important step in the process. We are now able to move forward with the build and having the communities support is crucial to the success of the project.

Your support is always appreciated and even more necessary during this uncertain economic time. To donate, please visit:

<https://homesforheroesfoundation.ca/donate/>

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On behalf of the Homes For Heroes team we hope you remain healthy and well.

Sincerely,

David Howard

President

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