

The time is NOW to create more Affordable Housing in Perth! Support the

Caring Community Housing Initiative Perth (CCHIP)

OUR PROPOSAL

To gather members of the Perth Community to Initiate a **Discovery Project** to create new units of safe and affordable housing each year for 3 years.

PROJECT ELEMENTS

1. Raise awareness about the urgent need for more safe, affordable, and comfortable housing in our community.
2. Assemble a talented and committed leadership team to assist us in:
 - Acquiring Land in Perth and Raising funds for building an in initial 3 unit affordable housing project to be managed by a local Not for Profit organization to provide long-term stable, secure and affordable rental housing
 - Building at least one building per year with a view to expanding the “discovery” initiative to make more units available in our town for those on the Lanark County affordable housing wait list (the first building would include at least one multi-bedroom and one fully accessible unit).
3. Raise at least \$750,000 with the help of the Perth and District Community Foundation, local churches, community partners and generous individuals for the “discovery” project.
4. Seek a private (or Municipal) donor of land within walking distance of downtown Perth.
5. We have already engaged a local builder to oversee all aspects of construction – including the supervision of volunteers where possible
6. St. James Church and interested community partners would be the initial project planners that would transition to a community-based group going forward

7. In cooperation with a local, experienced not-for-profit housing provider we are developing a business case and strategy (which will also enable us to apply for CMHC and other government grants)
8. Train, screen and oversee gifted Connectors who would be allies of our new tenants

YOU CAN HELP BRING THIS VISION TO REALITY:

- TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE
- CONSIDER DONATING FUNDS TO THE *CCHIP* FUND AT THE PERTH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (PDCF)
- SPEAK WITH OR WRITE TO OUR MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS TO ENCOURAGE THE TOWN OF PERTH TO REVIEW AND RELEASE MUNICIPAL LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS LIKE THIS ONE
- CONSIDER DONATING A PROPERTY YOU OWN AS A POTENTIAL SITE FOR OUR FIRST NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES PROJECT
- CONSIDER DONATING BUILDING MATERIALS, NEW APPLIANCES OR PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION WORK
- CONSIDER OFFERING YOUR TIME AND TALENT AS A VOLUNTEER:
 - TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS INITIATIVE
 - TO HELP WITH STEERING COMMITTEE TO FULLY DEVELOP AND MANAGE THE PROJECT
 - TO STORE, GATHER OR PURCHASE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AS NEEDED
 - TO ASSIST NEW TENANTS AS THEY ESTABLISH THEIR NEW HOME IN OUR BUILDING AS PART OF A SUPPORT TEAM

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