

Open Open Doors. Possibilities.

The Issue

- There are over 1,000 homeless individuals in Oakville & Burlington at any given time, with only about 150 shelter beds available.
- Up to 25 people sleep overnight at the Burlington GO Train station.
- Often hidden from sight, there are approximately 13 encampments in our community.
- Approximately 52% of those experiencing homelessness are under the age of 35 years.

Between May 2023 - January 2024, the **support house Response Team** has supported:



1101

contacts



96

clients



13

encampments



12

people into housing

Spread Kindness, Create Impact

Solution - Mobile Outreach Van

- The mobile outreach van will play a crucial role in facilitating support for who lack basic housing and supports
- It will help better identify individuals with unmet primary care, mental health and addiction needs, by meeting them where they are at, closer to “home”
- Provide early intervention care in a culturally sensitive manner and with a trauma-informed and harm-reduction approach
- The return on investment from the outreach van is high:
 - o Improved health outcomes by removing barriers to access such as geography, transportation and stigma.
 - o Proactively addressing primary care, mental health and addiction concerns before they become debilitating and require crisis support.
 - o Reduce healthcare costs by decreasing the number of opioid overdoses, EMS calls and ED visits.
- Many of our neighbouring communities already have an outreach van servicing those experiencing homeless (Brampton, Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara and Guelph)



Mobile Outreach Van

- The mobile outreach van better equips the Support House Response Team with specialized features:
 - o Primary care exam space
 - o Custom medical equipment
 - o Storage for food, clothing, and harm reduction supplies
 - o Heating and air conditioning system
 - o Fridge and sink options
 - o Power and connectivity equipment
 - o Accessibility/transportation option



Share Kindness, Create Impact

- Please join our community and help Support House reach it's GOAL!
- GOAL - \$120K towards the purchase and outfitting of the Mobile Outreach Van
- Eligible donations will receive a tax receipt

Our Goal:
\$120,000

We are reaching out to you, our fellow community members, to stand with us. No matter the size, every contribution counts. Imagine the positive change if only 120 real estate professionals could make a contribution of \$1,000 each...



An outreach van costs \$220,000. Support House has raised \$100,00 to date for this project.
Help us bridge the gap!