

The Housing Matters Network



The Housing Matters Network is a place for housing information for congregations in the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region.

- What organizations are addressing the need for housing.
- How you can contribute to affordable housing in your community.
- What resources are available for your congregation.

<p>ACORN – Association of Communities Organizations for Reform Now</p>	<p>An independent national organization of low- and moderate-income families with over 130,000 members organized into 24 neighbourhood chapters in 9 cities across Canada. Believe in social and economic justice that can be best achieved with a national active membership who are invested in their organization and focused on building power for change.</p> <p>https://acorncanada.org/ottawa</p>
<p>Alliance to End Homelessness in Ottawa</p>	<p>The Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa is a member driven coalition of community service providers that work in partnership to inspire action, to generate knowledge and to inform a community-wide effort to achieve an end to homelessness in Ottawa.</p>
	<p>https://www.endhomelessnessottawa.ca/</p>

<p>Cornerstone Housing for Women</p>	<p>We provide emergency shelter and safe affordable permanent housing for women in Ottawa.</p> <p>At Cornerstone, women experience what 'home' truly means – often, for the first time in their lives.</p> <p>We help them build a meaningful life that fits their individual needs.</p> <p>We strive to increase safe housing and to end homelessness. Our five residences cater to women at every stage of their journey...</p> <p>We are committed to public education and advocacy.</p> <p>We serve almost two hundred women every day. We have more than 65 full and part-time staff and almost 300 extraordinary volunteers who provide on-site support and refer women to local resources. Learn more</p>
	<p>https://cornerstonewomen.ca/</p>
<p>Multifaith Housing Initiative</p>	<p>We are a coalition of faith groups, local businesses, civil society, the City of Ottawa and federal/provincial governments all working together to build and house our communities for the future. This new way of working has created more than 400 new homes, with more on the way. It has opened up new ways to gather the commitment, skills and resources that build homes and strengthen communities. To have a safe, secure, affordable home is life changing.</p>
	<p>https://www.mutifaithhousing.ca</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tulipathon 	<p>A spring fundraiser to support rent subsidies for all tenants in MHI properties.</p> <p>https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/donate.html</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans' House 	<p>EOORC Quilt and Shawl Project – To provide a quilt and/or comfort shawl to the veterans living rough on the streets of Ottawa when they find a home at Veterans' House in January 2021.</p>

	Building to date – https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/veterans-house.html
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Housing Day 	In November, we come together to highlight the huge need for affordable housing across Canada.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrons Program 	Religious leaders and dedicated civic leaders are chosen to promote the work done by MHI. https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/patrons.html
Housing Seminar Info	From “Online Conversation on Housing and Homelessness”, in FEB20 at https://eoorc.ca/event/an-online-conversation-on-housing-and-homelessness/ NOTE: Includes suggested links to rural housing support.
Suggestions:	Please contact Sue Smarkala at 613-820-4360/ sue.smarkala@gmail.com .