

National Housing Day & United We Stand update!

Dear EOR friends and supporters,

Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) is reaching out to you regarding two exciting updates – **United We Stand: the EOORC Campaign for Veterans' House** and **National Housing Day** (Monday November 22, 2021)!

United We Stand: the EOORC Campaign for Veterans' House

United We Stand was a campaign that ran from September 2020 to August 2021, and aimed to raise funds for the construction of MHI's most recently constructed community, Veterans' House: the Andy Carswell Building. (Veterans' House is a 40-unit home with on-location social supports for veterans who were formerly homeless/at risk of homelessness. Veterans started moving in early in 2021, and the house is now nearing capacity.)

MHI is pleased to report that EOOR congregations raised more than \$115,000 for United We Stand. This was doubled by United We Stand campaign sponsors Commissionaires Ottawa, who **provided a matching additional \$115,000!** Well done, everyone! Many congregations have already downloaded our three wrap-up videos posted at <http://www.multifaithhousing.ca/united-we-stand> for use in a Sunday service:

- The [United We Stand wrap-up video](#), which highlights the success of United We Stand (plus additional gifts provided for Veterans' House through the United Church community)
- The [tour of Veterans' House](#)
- A [video testimony from Bill Beaton, a resident at Veterans' House](#)

These videos will be available at multifaithhousing.ca/united-we-stand until December 31, 2021.

We are encouraging congregations that supported United We Stand to participate in a **Socially Distanced Virtual Cheque Presentation** photo and email it to communications@multifaithhousing.ca by the end of the 2021 year. Thanks to congregations who already emailed in their photos! If your church/pastoral charge would like to participate, please email communications@multifaithhousing.ca and we'll mail you an oversized cheque.

National Housing Day

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, MHI will be celebrating National Housing Day virtually on **Monday, November 22, 2021**. Please join us on YouTube as we honour the lifeblood of MHI: our volunteers!

- This year's NHD theme is "volunteerism," in honour of the **20th Anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's International Year of Volunteers.**
- The video will be about **10-20 minutes long** and **hosted on YouTube.** The video goes live at multifaithhousing.ca/national-housing-day on **November 22 at noon!**

Thanks to EOR for your tremendous support of MHI and the fight against homelessness!

Best wishes,

MHI staff