

THE LIGHTHOUSE

THE LIGHTHOUSE SOUP KITCHEN & SHELTER // VOLUME 1. ISSUE 1



Above: Rev. Karen Horst of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church with Linda Goodall & Lynn Thomas, presenting a \$3,000 donation for Building Hope

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BUILDING HOPE

THE WHY

This past winter, a Lighthouse staff member came across a senior couple living in their car. It was very cold and they were parked outside a local restaurant where they could be close to restrooms. The staff member immediately offered the couple food and resources; however, the couple refused. The husband knew that if they accepted any help, they would be split up, as there are no shelters for women in Orillia. This couple lived day by day in their car, until a private citizen took them in.

Currently, there are no emergency shelter facilities for women, youth or families in Orillia. Green Haven and Jubilee House can only shelter abused women, and Youth Haven is located in Barrie. Additionally, The Lighthouse is currently located in a small, aging century home with a maximum of 14 beds available for men only. This building lacks the space and facilities to provide services to

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HOPE CAN START WITH YOU

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the men, women, youth and families experiencing homelessness in Orillia. The Building Hope Project seeks to fill the current service gap, by providing a new space open to anyone, regardless of age or gender.



Above: Building Hope Site Plan

THE WHAT

The Lighthouse will construct a new community services hub, consisting of an approximately 10,000 square foot supportive housing complex, along with an approximately 20,000 square foot shelter & hub complex at 75 Queen Street in Orillia. From its new home, The new Lighthouse will be able to provide year-round emergency shelter for men, women, youth and families. Moreover, the new Lighthouse will utilize a coordinated approach to supportive housing, teaching life skills, mental health and addiction counselling, in addition to continuing, in greater capacity, to function as a very active soup kitchen feeding the hungry in our community. A range of wraparound supports will be offered in one warm, welcoming place, using a Housing First approach. All the services clients might need will have a single point of access, provided on-site by both the Lighthouse and other community agencies who share the same commitment to the same people. This hub of healing and wellness is all about creating **real futures**.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Emergency shelter for men, women, youth and families
- 20 supportive housing units
- Community soup kitchen/cafe
- Case management
- Addictions and mental health counselling
- Legal aid and court support
- Life skills training (budgeting, cooking, etc.)
- Employment support and work readiness
- Primary health care
- Spiritual care
- Housing referrals and rent supplies
- Recreational and social activities

ADVANTAGES & BENEFITS

- A large, efficient space with more temporary housing options will serve exponentially more people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness every year
- With integrated on-site services, people who already feel raw and desperate won't have to keep telling and re-telling their stories to different intake workers
- Compassionate, experienced staff will offer support immediately following intake, helping clients feel part of a community rather than a "target group"
- Co-location of multiple agencies improves coordination of services and makes them more responsive to the needs of a diverse client base with complex needs

PLANNING & PROGRESS

- Property purchased at 75 Queen St.
- Environmental and archaeological reviews completed
- Zoning amendment approved
- Architect selected, design phase begun
- Design philosophy established



Providing a safe space that meets physical needs, gives spiritual hope and points the way to wellness.

BUILDING HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Building Hope Community Services Hub will be developed in 3 phases:



Phase 1. Lighthouse Supportive Housing Units

- 20 supportive housing units
- Funding **received** from Province of Ontario, Simcoe County and the City of Orillia (\$3.6 million)
- Construction to begin this summer

Phase 2. Lighthouse Hub Services: Capital Campaign \$6 million

- Emergency shelter consisting of:
 - 40 beds: 18 for men; 12 for women; 8 for youth // beds separated by age + gender
 - 2 self-contained family units
 - 5 Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) safe beds; and 1 first responder access bed
 - Community kitchen/cafe serving daily meals for clients and the public
- To be funded by private donations, corporate gifts, pledges and grants

We have raised approximately half of the \$9.6 million needed for this project

Phase 3. Affordable Housing - future partnership with private developer

- Future development of 10-14 interim, low-rent housing units for individuals and families



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

There are around **50 volunteers** working hard every day to raise approximately \$5 million still needed to build the new Lighthouse Community Services Hub. Volunteer teams led by the Campaign Co-Chairs Glenn Wagner and Charlene Taylor and Staff members, Lynn Thomas and Linda Goodall are: Building & Design Team, Service Delivery, Finance, PR and Fundraising. If you are interested in getting involved, please email Development Coordinator Lynn Thomas at lynn@orillialighthouse.ca!



Above: Glenn Wagner challenges team at Building Hope breakfast

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Through The Lighthouse, Robert, pictured above, was able to move from emergency sheltered to permanently sheltered. Now Robert is a regular, committed volunteer at The Lighthouse.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



- The Lighthouse is looking for a **Housing Support Case Manager**. All interested parties should send a resume to linda@orillialighthouse.ca by June 1st. Visit orillialighthouse.ca for more information.
- We will be hiring a **Supportive Housing Care Worker** this summer to begin work on the program for our new Supportive Housing Phase 1, as construction begins this summer.

FUNDRAISING EVENT UPDATES

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR INCREDIBLE DONORS!

- Ken Forbes - \$12,000
- Orillia Rotary Club - \$20,000
- Wagner Family - \$50,000
- Jack Latimer, RE/MAX - \$10,000
- Anonymous Donor - \$100,000
- Orillia Lions Club - \$10,000
- Local Physician - \$75,000



ORILLIA HOME SHOW

April 13-15, 2018

In lieu of admission, Orillia Home and Cottage Show attendees were encouraged to donate to Building Hope. Despite terrible weather and lower attendance, we were able to raise over \$5,600 for Building Hope!

“For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.” “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’”

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CNOY

February 24, 2018

Our Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser was a HUGE success! We raised \$113,000 - approximately \$5,000 will go towards Building Hope.

DR. STEPHEN LEWIS

April 25, 2018

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church raised \$3,000 through their fundraising event with humanitarian Dr. Stephen Lewis

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Golf Tournament // September 21, 2018
- Ride For Refuge // September 29, 2018

CURRENT EVENTS

MOVING OFFICE SPACE

Linda Goodall and Lynn Thomas will be moving their office to The Common Roof because The Lighthouse is simply too tight on room. New Path, owners of the Common Roof, are good neighbours and will be our permanent neighbours right next door to Building Hope. We are excited by the partnership moving forward!

NEW HIRE

The Lighthouse has hired a Contract Administrator for the Building Hope Campaign.

NEW ONLINE GIVING FORM

Check out our new online giving form for The Lighthouse and Building Hope, now live on our website! Donate the processing fees so we can help more people, or make your donation in memory or in honour of loved ones - our new system has so many great features! Visit orillialighthouse.ca now to make your donation!