

Ritchie Community League

Hi Everyone,

February was cold!! 5,566 people came to our shelter in February and we were able to provide hot meals, a warm place to sleep, and community!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY

Out of the people that came to our shelter, we were able to assist 8 people with obtaining housing! This is so exciting as they now have a place to call their own, sleep when they want, lock their door, while not living in fear that someone might rob them in their sleep, which tends to happen on the streets. Their possessions and medications are able to be locked up safely. A roof over someone's head provides so much more than a dry place, it is a basic necessity to safety, health and security.

DID YOU KNOW

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In order to get ID you need someone to vouch and sign a document saying you are who you say you are, then you need money to go to registries and get your ID. It's not an easy process which is why having advocates available is detrimental to the community. After obtaining ID the advocate works with you to get your name to our housing team. Once the housing team helps find you a place to live, there is a bunch of work! This includes getting your down payment and rent organized, helping you sign a lease, picking out some furniture, and helping with the move in.

A follow up support worker will walk alongside you for one year helping you navigate all things housing. From keeping your apartment, to speaking with your landlord, doing wellness checks and mentoring you, your support worker is a huge asset! After one year of remaining housed you will graduate the program, with the hopes that you are able to maintain housing.

Some folks need further help and may require assistance to maintain housing, we call this Permanent Supportive Housing. There are staff on site that assist with regular meds, community building, rent payment and many other programs to assist folks in day to day living.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

In community this month we had a Super Bowl Party! We all gathered had pop and chips and crazy hats and cheered on our teams!



March will be the last month that we are in shared community with Ritchie! We will be sending out a report of stats, events highlights, learning moments and much thanks to everyone who has made a huge effort in being great neighbours!

See you next month!