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Find Furniture Bank

Growth, Choice & Sustainability

Overview

- How a Furniture Bank can support the Housing First program
- Environmental sustainability through a furniture bank/thrift model
- Building community through a social enterprise

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What is Find?



Outside of Find Warehouse

Find is a social enterprise of Homeward Trust Edmonton

Furniture Bank for the Housing First program in Edmonton & Area

Community Support

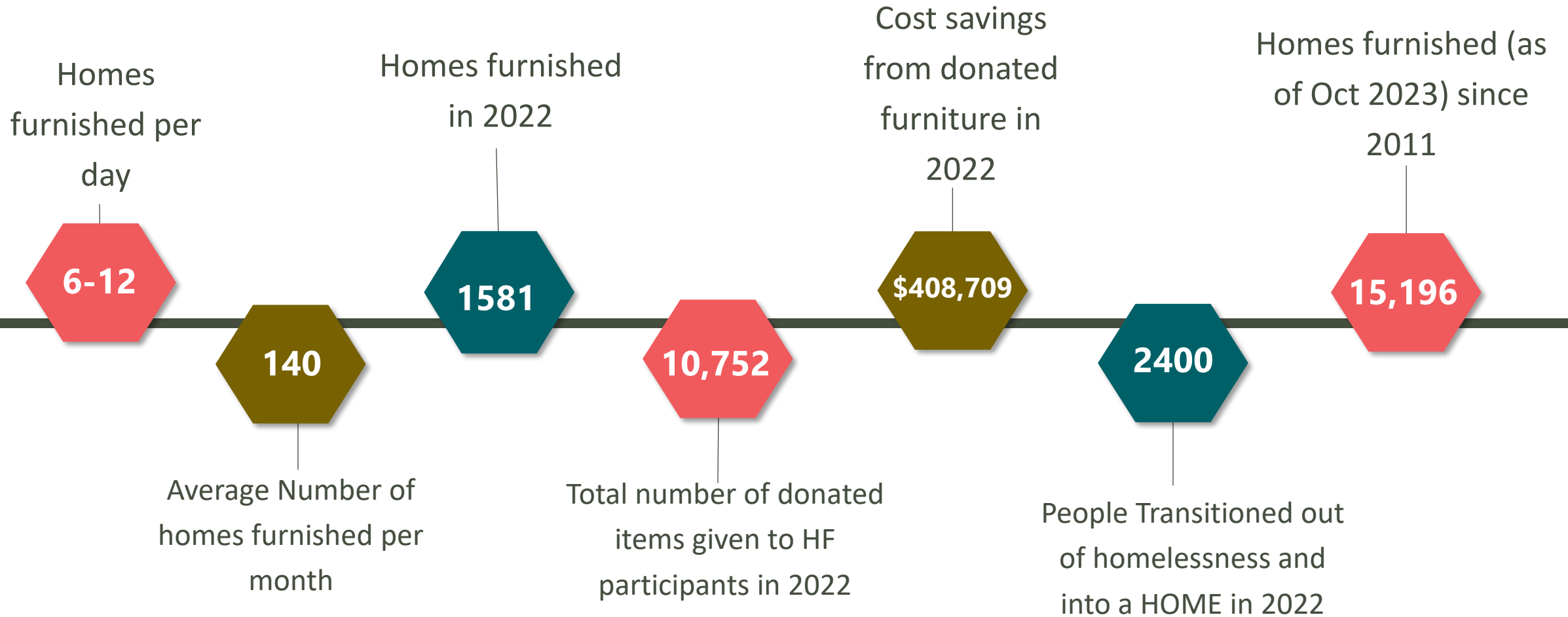
How Does Find Work?



Find Truck outside collecting donations at a Big Bin event.

- Donations
- Furniture Bank
- Thrift stores
- Partnerships

Find As A Furniture Bank



Participant Experience



Photo Description/Source:

“I got to pick out a couch and love seat as well as a coffee table when I was rehoused after 9 months of homelessness a few years ago. While the couch didn't last (my 6-month-old puppy ate the cushions) I still have the coffee table. I know I will be back to buy another couch as soon as I move. I love what Find supports. It gives hope and pride to whoever is in need.” – Housing First Participant

Sustainability

Diverting From Landfill

- Furniture Bank
- Thrift Stores
- Outside of the box thinking in terms of value

Partnerships

- Electronics recycling
- Metal Recycling
- Bissell Centre
- Canadian Diabetes Association
- Goodwill
- City of Edmonton Reuse Centre

Barriers

- Capacity
- Space
- Quality of donations
- Quantity of donations
- Program costs

PRESENTATION TITLE

Community Impact



- Accessibility & Affordability
- Community Support
- Education & Advocacy
- Employment opportunities

Dash & Clovis of Orkin Pest Control.

The Importance of Furniture



Orange chair.

- Comfort
- Warmth
- Safety
- Hope
- Dignity

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Questions?



Employee group photo

Thank You!

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Team photo from the Housing First baseball tournament in 2023