



Housing First...

The Neighborhood Model



What is the Neighborhood Model?



It is a Philosophy ...

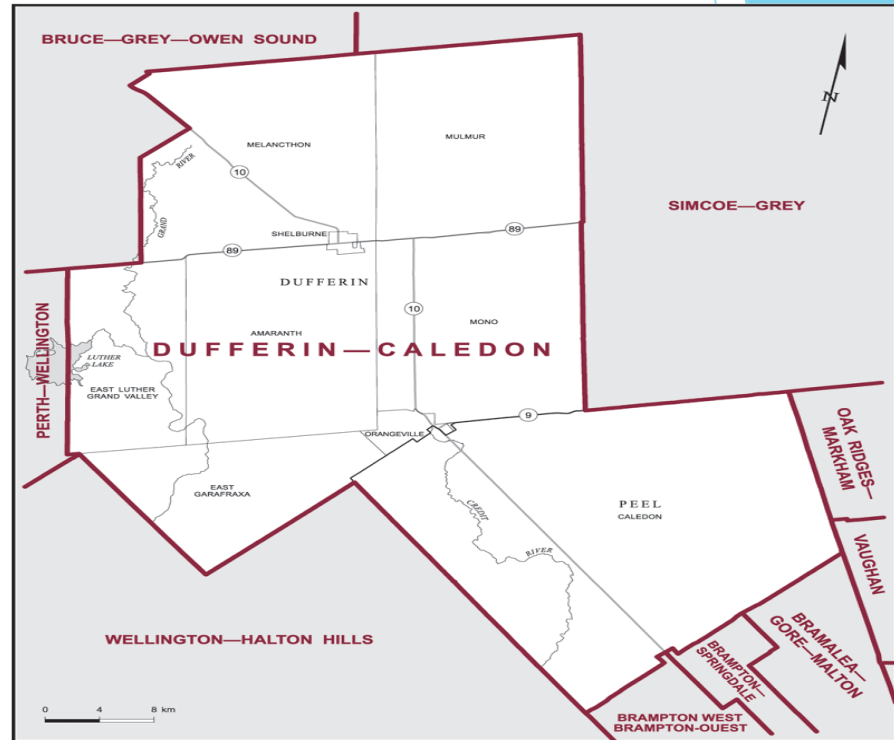
- The Neighborhood Model is a collaborative, intimate support model that promotes Housing First. It provides direct, flexible supports that foster services for communities
- This model embraces a holistic approach which provides the necessary wrap around services to support Housing First individuals in the community
- The Neighborhood Model encompasses a wide variety of community partners, stakeholders and other dedicated community focused individuals within **Dufferin County**.



Where is our Neighborhood?



- Located in the province of Ontario
- About 40 minutes north west of Toronto
- Area 1456km² about 1/3 the size of PEI... the Population 56,881







The Community Advisory Board (CAB) is a steering committee that develops a Community Plan (CP). The CP priority is: “To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach.” HF focuses on moving people who are experiencing chronic and episodic homelessness as rapidly as possible from the street or emergency shelter into permanent housing with supports that vary according to client need. The CAB committee plays a vital role as a champion for the continuum of care for housing and homelessness in our community.

CAB includes a range of partners from the public, not-for-profit and private sectors. These partners work together to develop plans for ending homelessness in their communities



SHIP as the Lead.....

SHIP is one of the largest supportive housing providers in Ontario. SHIP's mission is to optimize quality of life through community-based housing and mental health services. We have long been a respected provider of social services within Ontario, providing much needed services to vulnerable populations in the areas of living, learning and working. SHIP works closely with individuals in our community, enabling them to embrace their full potential and to achieve their goals of recovery, wellness and living successfully in their own community.



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Safety. Support. Hope. Building healthier communities – one relationship at a time.

COMMUNITY LIVING Inspiring People



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Association canadienne pour la santé mentale Waterloo Wellington Dufferin

Upper Grand District School Board

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So who are all of these
folks ?

- John Howard Society – Post Justice Support Services
- The Lighthouse – Food Security and Addictions program
- Family Transition Place - Support Services(Women)
- Canadian Mental Health Association – Peel/Dufferin– Mental Health Support
- County of Dufferin –Municipal Government
- Many many others.....

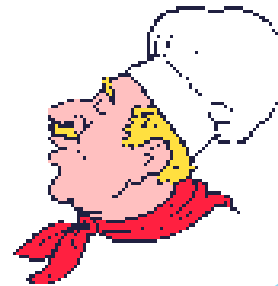


The ingredients for a successful neighborhood





- The community is the expert
- They have a vision
- They always say “it can be done”
- They are never finished

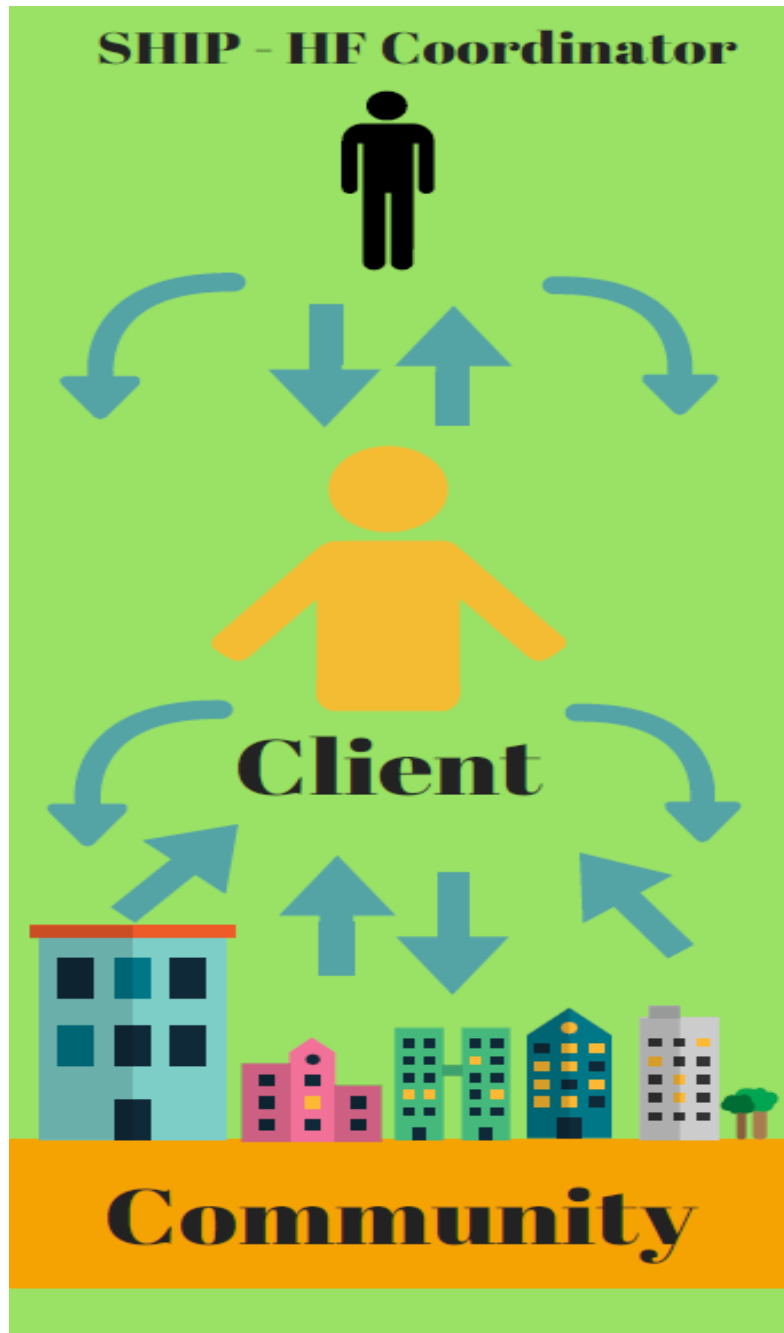




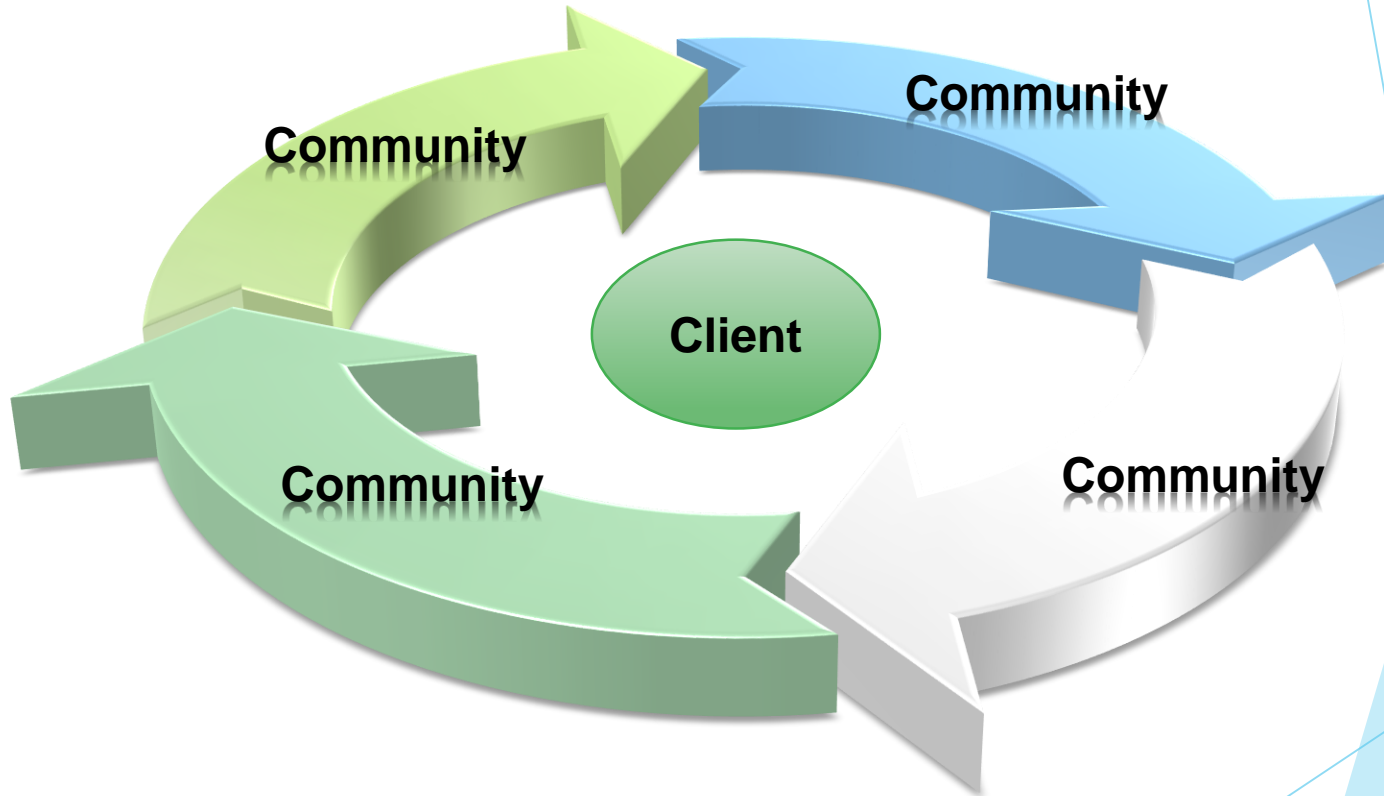
The implementation framework of our model...



SHIP - HF Coordinator



Circular Flow Of Support- Continuous





Does it work ?



Yes!

- 20 % have gone through employment
- 4% persons step up(youth)
- 4% persons through employment Centre at Dufferin community services.
- 5% persons have started out volunteering and now being paid employees.
- 5% persons back in school





- By simply using HPS allocated dollars that can be used to assist in community integration and ultimately helping to break the cycle of homelessness
- Currently using 20% of the HPS funding



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HOMELESS!!!!



Housing First Outcomes and Evidence in Dufferin



- 100 % of the individuals did not return to homelessness at 6 months
- 100% of the individuals did not return to homelessness at 12 months
- Average number of days to move into housing after intake
.....4 !!!!



**“We live it....no
expectations.....we just get
the job done....whatever is
needed”**

S.Croydon – HF Coordinator SHIP



WHY NOT

- Small community who communicates effectively
- Socially minded leaders within the community who influence and drive the community to be more socially minded
- Everyone working together towards a common goal



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Goals and next steps



- The goal is to share, transition and implement this model into other areas within our communities
- To provide evidence to support enhanced resources for additional Housing First Strategies via municipal, provincial and federal funding streams)
- To influence change in housing readiness criteria throughout system and support choice based community integration

