Our Mission:

Cornerstone Landing Youth Services

To use evidence based best practices to prevent and end homelessness for youth age 16-24 across the County of Lanark and the Town of Smiths Falls.

A community coalition called the Transitions Action Coalition was starting around 1999. After 10 years it became incorporated.

A little bit about our history…

Some of the members of the Transitions Action Coalition joined a group in Perth who had registered a Charity and were interested in starting a shelter. Together, we agreed to abandon the notion of a shelter and focus on youth. Hence, we became Cornerstone Landing Youth Services. We started supporting youth in 2012.

350 Individual Clients by June, 2023

- Wrap Around Supports
  - Secure Financial Support – Act as Trustee
  - Secure Housing
  - All other related supports – referrals to other services, court appointments, advocacy, enrollment in school, attendance at appointments, food bank etc.
- Landlord Relationships – Property Managers
- Financial Support – Gift Cards and Supplies
  - Hygiene Supplies
  - Clothing Program
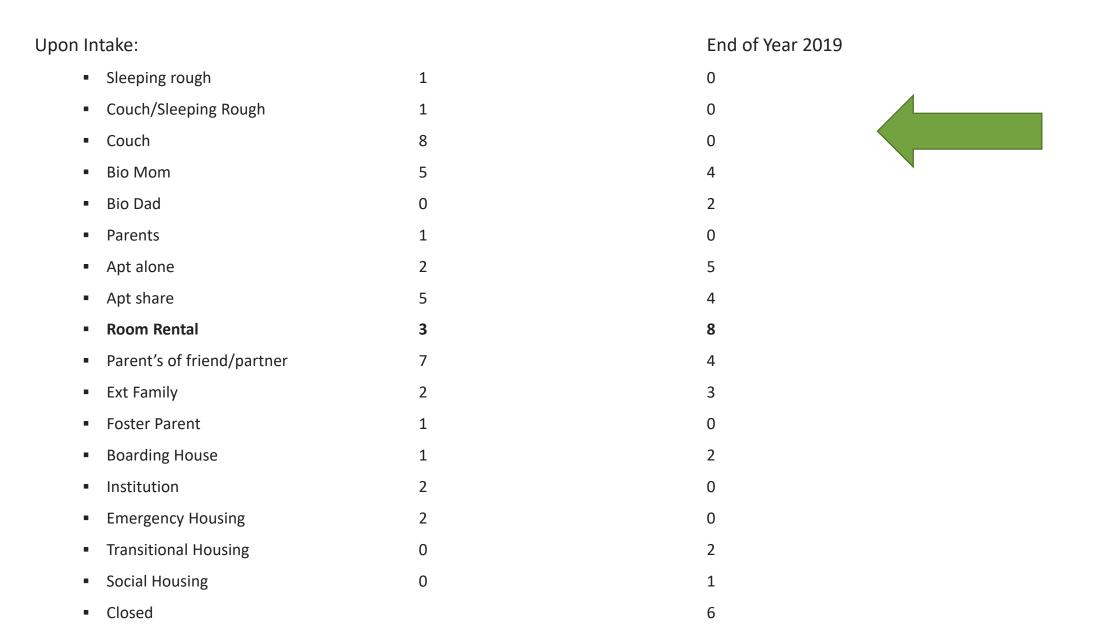 - Food
- Rent Supplements

Housing
First & Right to Housing

- Immediate access to long term housing without any readiness requirements

- Choice and Self-Determination

- Recovery oriented / Harm reduction

- Individualized and client-driven supports

- Social and Community Integration

- Rapid Re-housing

- Scattered Site Housing with rent supplements and supports

This is how housing first works – we move people from homeless to housed

Upon Intake:

		End of Year 2019
▪ Sleeping rough	1	0
▪ Couch/Sleeping Rough	1	0
▪ Couch	8	0
▪ Bio Mom	5	4
▪ Bio Dad	0	2
▪ Parents	1	0
▪ Apt alone	2	5
▪ Apt share	5	4
▪ **Room Rental**	**3**	**8**
▪ Parent's of friend/partner	7	4
▪ Ext Family	2	3
▪ Foster Parent	1	0
▪ Boarding House	1	2
▪ Institution	2	0
▪ Emergency Housing	2	0
▪ Transitional Housing	0	2
▪ Social Housing	0	1
▪ Closed		6

Cornerstone Landing has supported:

- 82 young people age 16-24 in 2017, 62 were new referrals

- 74 young people age 16-26 in 2018, 39 were new referrals

- 73 young people age 16-28 in 2019, 42 were new referrals

- 64 young people age 16-24 in 2020, 28 were new referrals

- 55 young people age 16-24 in 2021, 29 were new referrals

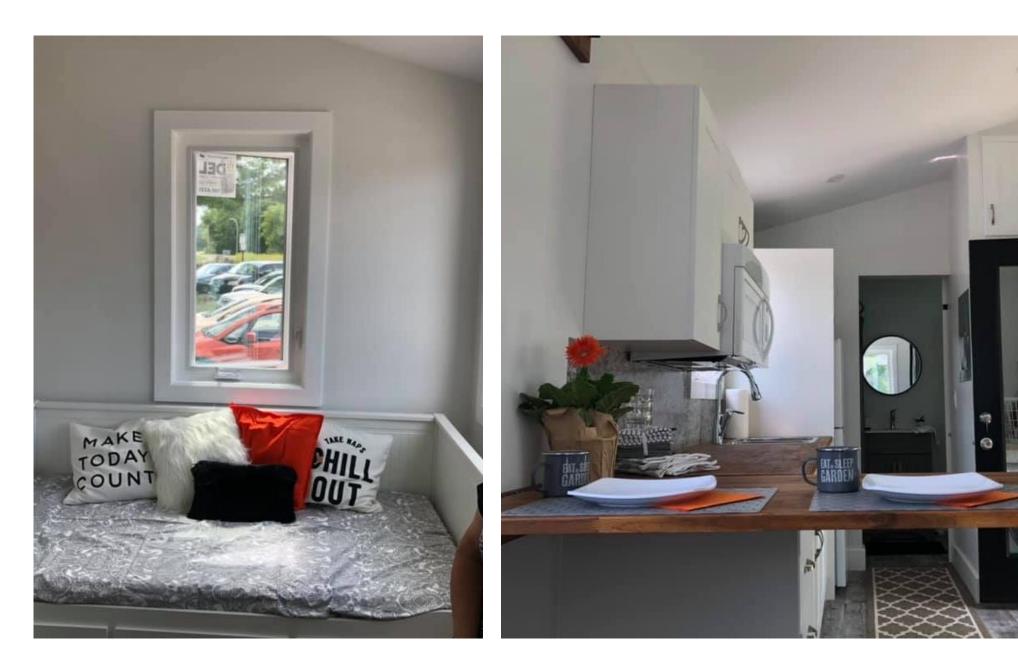- 71 young people age 16-24 in 2022, 36 new referrals

Did you know…

Although sleeping rough in Lanark County is not uncommon, a lack of emergency housing and increasing local house prices has found us supporting young people sleeping outside in encampments like this one.

In 2019, we built a Tiny Home for youth housing in partnership with Algonquin College!

In Dec. 2020, we bought our first house in Perth.

It has 3 Transitional Housing Units

&

1 bedroom attached Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) - Rent Geared to Income

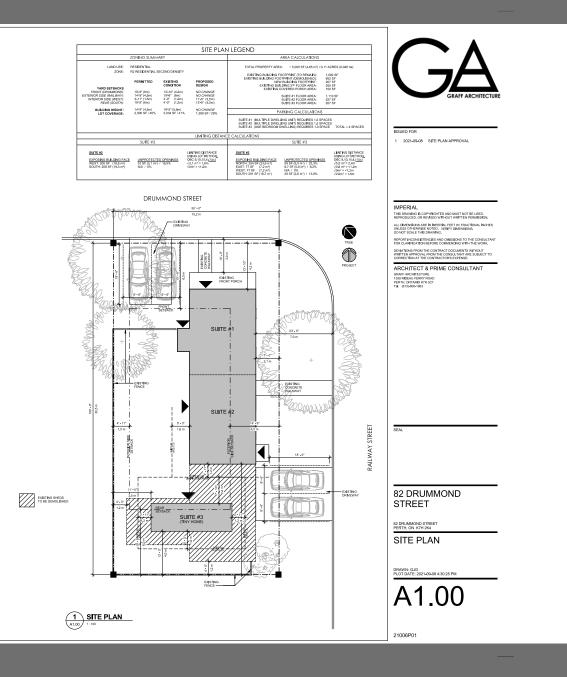We hope to use our tiny home as a detached ADU – Rent Geared to Income

We have submitted a site-specific zoning amendment to allow us to use our Tiny Home as a detached additional dwelling unit (ADU) in the Town of Perth. This is a model we would like to replicate in the other towns.

Cornerstone Landing Program

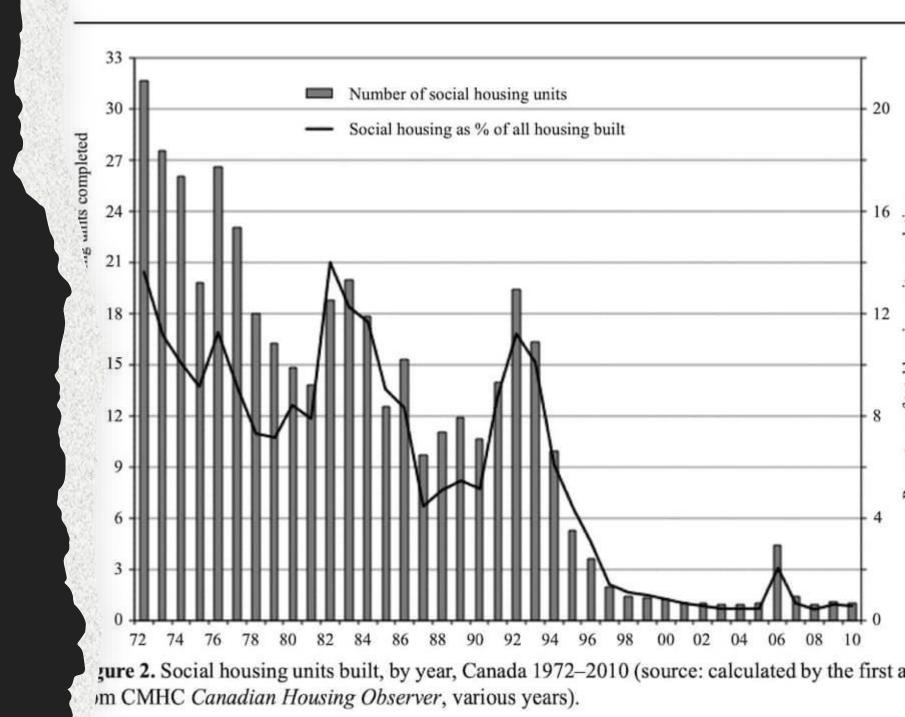| Program	Location	#
Housing First Program:	County Wide	
Housing Case Workers		2 FTE + 1 PTE
Rent Supplements		15 (January 1, 2023)
Housing – Lot 5:	Perth	
Transitional Beds		3
Housing Units		1 – 1 bed, 1 bach.
Total Housing Units:		20

COVID – 19 Survey results:

24 Surveys completed in April and May, 2020

42% male, 50% female, 8% non-binary

When asked how COVID-19 affected them, they responded:

- 71% negative impact on education
- 67% negative impact on mental health
- 67% can't access services they need
- 21% lost their job
- 21% can't pay their rent
- 13% had reduced hours at work
- 13% don't feel safe in their housing
- 8% couldn't access wifi

The root causes of homelessness are many, but one significant factor was the complete divestment from all levels of government in social housing over the past 25+ years. This is one of the reasons we now have 250,000 people homeless every year.

Figure 2. Social housing units built, by year, Canada 1972–2010 (source: calculated by the first a[…] [fro]m CMHC *Canadian Housing Observer*, various years).

Coldest Night of the Year takes place every February to raise awareness and funds!

Big thank you to the Canadian Federation of University Women for organizing our event for the past 3 years!!

Golf Tournament – Perth Golf Course