

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

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pour mettre un terme à  
l'itinérance**



**Alliance  
to End Homelessness  
Ottawa**

It has been an exciting year of growth and change at the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa. The 2016-17 year saw continued growth and momentum, both politically and within the community, with regards to community efforts to end homelessness.

Building on the Alliance's three strategic directions – to inform, to learn and to inspire – our work has increasingly been moving in yet another direction: to mobilize.

From the Board, to each committee, to our member agencies and their many volunteers – and widening to include others within the community, elected office and the private sector - we aim to work with all of Ottawa in pursuit of our vision of a community where everyone has an affordable, appropriate home.

Thank you for working with us.

Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa



***Alliance inclusion in the United Way Wall of Inspiration & Partnering in the Homeless Hack***

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Action-Logement / Action-Housing  
 Bruce House  
 Canadian Mental Health Association, Ottawa  
 Branch  
 Carlington Community Health Centre  
 Catholic Immigration Centre  
 Centre 454  
 Centre 507 Drop-In  
 Centre des services communautaires / Vanier  
 Community Service Centre  
 Centre for Research on Educational and  
 Community Services, University of Ottawa  
 Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation  
 Centretown Community Health Centre  
 City of Ottawa, Housing Services Branch  
 Community Legal Services Ottawa Centre  
 Cooperative Housing Association Eastern  
 Ontario  
 Cornerstone Housing for Women/LePilier  
 Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa  
 Gloucester Housing Corporation  
 Housing Help  
 John Howard Society of Ottawa  
 Lowertown Community Resource Centre  
 Minwaashin Lodge / Oshki Kizis Healing Lodge  
 Montfort Renaissance  
 Multifaith Housing Initiative

Nepean Housing Corporation  
 Operation Come Home  
 Options Bytown Non-Profit Housing Corporation  
 Ottawa Community Housing Corporation  
 Ottawa Inner City Health Inc.  
 Ottawa Inner City Ministries  
 Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre  
 Ottawa Salus Corporation  
 PAL Ottawa  
 Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre  
 Royal Ottawa Health Care Group  
 Sandy Hill Community Health Centre  
 Shepherds of Good Hope  
 Somerset West Community Health Centre  
 South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre  
 St. Joe's Women's Centre  
 St. Luke's Table  
 The Ottawa Mission  
 The Salvation Army Ottawa Booth Centre  
 The Well/La Source  
 Tungasuvvingat Inuit  
 Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health  
 Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre  
 Wigwamen Incorporated  
 YMCA-YWCA, National Capital Region  
 Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa

## 2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

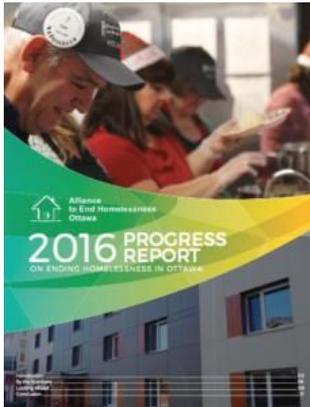
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 United Way Ottawa

**Executive Director:** Mike Bulthuis (April 2016-May 2017)  
 Kristen Holinsky (June 2017-Present)

## WE INFORM



**Annual Progress Report on Ending Homelessness:** Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Progress Report on Ending Homelessness in Ottawa - outlining progress towards our community's ten-year plan to end homelessness - was released in April 2016. Each year, the Alliance's Progress Report on Ending Homelessness in Ottawa assesses movement towards our goals. With the adoption of Ottawa's Ten-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan in 2013, we committed to ending chronic homelessness by 2024. Emboldened by provincial commitments and the emergence of a National Housing Strategy, we have reason to be hopeful. In reviewing 2016, we are reminded that it is more important than ever to evaluate achievements to date, continued need, and where investment is needed. This

annual publication was again made with the generous funding support of the Community Foundation of Ottawa.

## A WAY HOME VERS UN CHEZ-SOI OTTAWA



**A Way Home Ottawa (AWHO)** is a local coalition convened by the Alliance to End Homelessness, shaped and led by youth with lived experience of homelessness, in partnership with agencies supporting youth who are homeless or at risk.

AWHO is supported by United Way Ottawa and the Catherine Donnelly Foundation, and with research

strength enabled through Carleton University and Mitacs. After speaking with over 70 youth and 50 agency representatives, AWHO released "The Opportunity Project: Telling a New Story about Youth Homelessness in Ottawa" in September, 2016, outlining five core recommendations needing attention within the development of a plan to prevent and end youth homelessness in Ottawa. At the core of these recommendations are the repeated calls for additional housing options for youth, greater coordination of the various systems of support, and the creation of real opportunities for homeless youth to be engaged in our community. Prevention and long-term supports for homeless youth underpin these calls for action – to be furthered and implemented in year three and beyond.

### **Developing a Community Agenda for**

**Enhancing Housing Options:** In collaboration with United Way and Cahdco, the Alliance is supporting an ongoing dialogue to identify urban Planning-related tools that could be more strongly directed towards leveraging affordable housing outcomes, further enabling citywide success in achieving 10-year goals. Mindful of recent provincial announcements (e.g., inclusionary zoning),

the project supports community dialogue to encourage the City to fully utilize specific Planning-related policies and tools to increase affordable housing options.



A Policy Scan, noting various planning related tools and incentives in place across Canada to leverage the development of affordable housing, was completed in Spring, 2016, and formed a basis for discussions with the Greater Ottawa Home Builders Association towards the co-development of a draft inclusionary zoning by-law for Ottawa.

## WE LEARN



### 2016 Community Forum on Ending Homelessness:

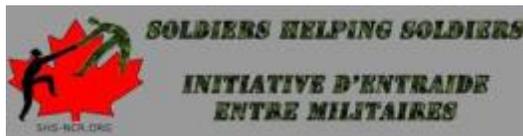
Our 13<sup>th</sup> annual forum took place on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Over 250 registrants participated at the Forum – held for the second year at the RA Centre. Sponsorship was offered by four member agencies: The Home Depot Canada Foundation, Urbandale Corporation, The Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, The Ottawa Mission, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Carleton University. The Forum featured a special address by Deputy Mayor Mark Taylor in proclamation of National Housing Day. Keynote Speaker Marybeth Shinn of Vanderbilt University spoke on recent research addressing family homelessness and, while a plenary panel responded to the release of the “What We Heard” report by the federal government in the lead up to the development of a National

Housing Strategy. The Forum also hosted many vibrant Table Talks showcasing local research and initiatives, along with concurrent workshops and a presentation on the building community.



**Housing and Safety needs of Sex Workers:** With support from Crime Prevention Ottawa, and following the June 2014 conference on Safety and the Sex Trade, we are convening a project to research and document the housing related safety needs of sex workers in Ottawa. A diverse group of

community stakeholders, involving service providers, researchers, the Ottawa Police and others informed in our research. We are in the final stages of the project, and are working to develop an analyses and recommendations that will enhance housing outcomes and safety for all.



### Understanding Veterans Homelessness in

**Ottawa:** In collaboration with Soldiers Helping Soldiers, and funding from the Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services, the Alliance

is undertaking a study of veterans’ homelessness in the Ottawa area. Guided by an Advisory Committee, we are exploring a number of questions to better understand the pathways that veterans who are homeless or precariously-housed have taken since release or retirement from military service. This project will also serve to better understand the scope of veterans’ homelessness in Ottawa.

