

TONIGHT, OVER 250 YOUTH WILL EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS IN CALGARY.

77.5% LEAVE HOME BECAUSE OF AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH A FAMILY MEMBER.

63.1% REPORT PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, AND EMOTIONAL FORMS OF ABUSE AS CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR HOMELESSNESS.

1 IN 5 WILL EXPERIENCE SOME FORM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

HOMELESSNESS IS HOPELESS.

A few will couch surf at a friend's place to avoid going home. Others will stay at a shelter. While some, with nowhere to go, will be forced to spend the night in a doorway with nothing but a sleeping bag to keep them warm. Their reasons for being homeless? They vary. But there are recurring themes that appear over and over again. The world becomes a dark and dangerous place for these homeless youth, with serious implications on their long-term mental health.

85.4% ARE CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING A HIGH-SYMPTOM /HIGH-DISTRESS MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION.

53%
WILL DROP OUT OF SCHOOL.

42% WILL ATTEMPT SUICIDE AT LEAST ONCE IN THEIR LIFE.

\$53,144 IS THE ANNUAL COST PER PERSON IN CANADA FOR SOMEONE STRUGGLING WITH HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL ILLNESS.



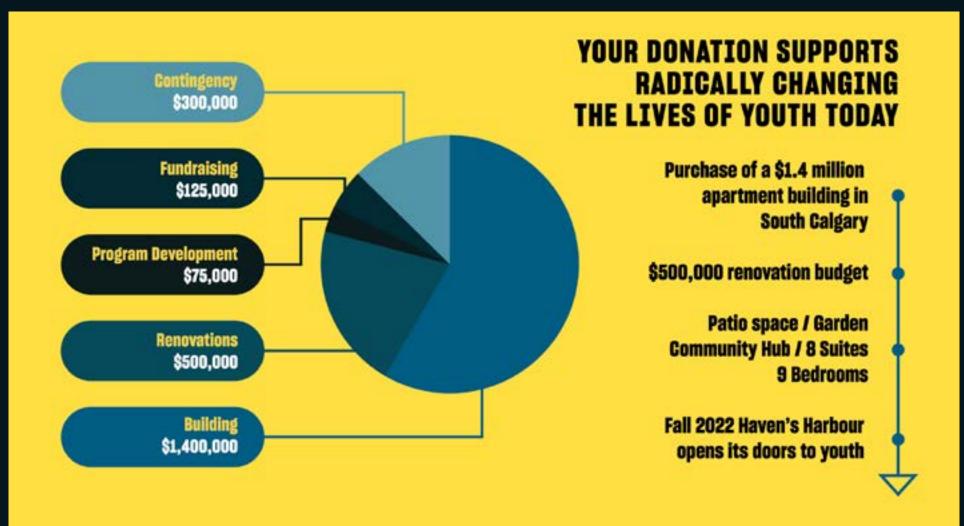
No one knows this better than Karen Sherbut. Drawing on her own personal experiences with homelessness as a teenage girl, Karen and her husband John, started Safe Haven Foundation back in 1996. Their vision was a simple, yet revolutionary one: Develop a program modelled after a healthy, loving family home. Haven's Way® long-term homes are the culmination of this vision.

TODAY, WE'RE REALIZING A NEW VISION: HAVEN'S HARBOUR

THE NEED IS GROWING. AND SO ARE WE.

Throughout our city, the need for housing in the vulnerable sector is growing. Especially amongst young women between the ages of 17-26. Haven's Harbour is the answer. A housing with supports program that provides a safe home for 9 young women as they pursue post-secondary goals on their path to self-sufficiency. Backed by years of collective experience, tried and tested research, and the voices of our Alumni, Haven's Harbour is the safety net our community's youth need. It's a continuation of Karen and John's vision of building and fostering a safe and supportive home life for young women in our community.





TOTAL BUDGET: \$2,400,000

COMMUNITY HUB AT HAVEN'S HARBOUR.

The Community Hub will bring together Alumni, Haven's Harbour and Haven's Way® youth as well as their families and natural supports, increasing our potential reach far beyond the number of individuals we are able to support through our current programs. This inclusive space will also offer opportunities for youth to explore and connect to their cultures and learn from Knowledge Keepers, Elders, and provide resources to those within the 2SLGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities.



HAVEN'S WAY® IS PART OF OUR SOLUTION.

Since it opened its doors back in 2000, Haven's Way has helped over 95 youth. That's 95 lives transformed by a positive home life experience. Who have gone on to do great things in our community. And beyond. Just by building resilience. Starting with a safe home, access to schooling, mental health counselling, career planning, and life-skills training. All of this combined helps to better equip youth for the transition to becoming self-sufficient adults.

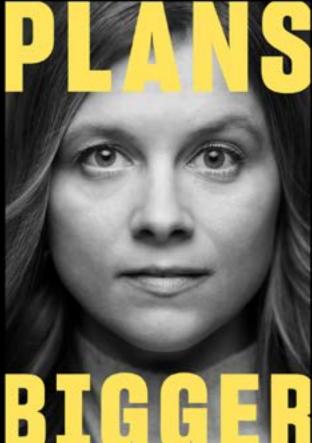


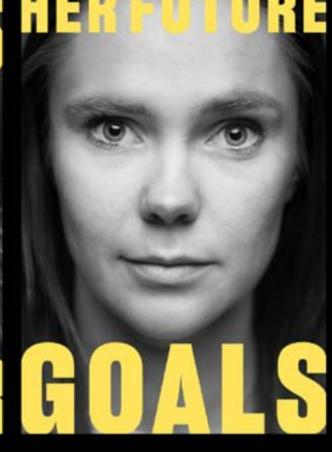


ORDINARY CAN BE EXTRAORDINARY

While doing chores, going to class, and making friends might seem like ordinary teen stuff, for our girls, it means the world. Because ordinary teen stuff can only happen when you have a safe home to call home. That's what Safe Haven provides. It's more than just a roof over the head. It's a chance for teens to stay teens.







"Safe Haven provided me with endless love and helped me with learning the basic skills of life, like finances, how to apply to university, and cooking. They give girls a fighting chance to have a good life, equipping them with the tools they need to strive."

"Without Haven's Way I know I would not be where I am today. It was the landing pad I needed to learn how to heal, find recovery, and most importantly develop lifelong relationships."

- SAFE HAVEN ALUMNI

"I couldn't imagine a future for myself. Safe Haven helped me regain it. Now I'm excited for what comes next."

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ADULTING IS TOUGH. TRANSITIONING TO BECOMING ONE IS EVEN TOUGHER.

The transition between adolescence and adulthood is a challenging one. Unlike other youth, who have a support network to lean on, young women with a history of homelessness don't. Which can lead to some tough decisions. Like choosing between a post-secondary education or paying the bills. For young women to create a positive future for themselves, they need our support. And we need yours.





WE'RE NOT JUST BUILDING A HOME. WE'RE BUILDING THEIR FUTURE.

Help us end youth homelessness in Calgary and create real, lasting change for our city's young women. Not just today. But for years to come.



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