# eVas The Challenge of Brighter Futures

### 2018 Annual Report



Eva's has been chosen as one of Canada's top 10 high-impact charities by Charity Intelligence.

Since 1994, Eva's has provided shelter and transitional housing for 123 young people aged 16 to 24 each night who experience homelessness. Eva's helps youth exit homelessness, giving them skills, tools, and strengthened community networks to build brighter futures.



Education supports help youth access education and achieve academic success (e.g. high school diploma, post-secondary studies)



Family Reconnect counseling strengthens youth/ family relationships to prevent and reduce the harm of youth homelessness



**Employment Training** helps youth find jobs in highdemand fields including construction and building maintenance and print and digital communications



**Recreation Programs** enable youth to get in engaged in sports and fitness, health and wellness. and arts and culture



Independent Living Programming provides critical skill-building to help youth find and maintain housing and their health (e.g. cooking, financial literacy, conflict resolution)



Harm Reduction supports youth dealing with substance use and mental health concerns find safety, acceptance, and improved health

As we strive for justice and opportunity for young people, we must strive for justice for all. Eva's facilities stand on the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. The territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for resources around the Great Lakes. We are grateful to work here and mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.



Emergency shelter for 40 youth. Home to the Family Reconnect Program.



health (Canada's first harm reduction shelter for youth).



Transitional housing for 50 youth and education and employment training for over 150 youth each year. Home to Eva's Print Shop social enterprise, Canada's only full-service commercial printer dedicated to employment training for homeless youth.



and gender non-binary.

Emergency shelter for 33 youth, with special health supports for substance use and mental

Four safe places for 16 Black and racialized youth residents to live for up to four years, with specialization for young people who are: involved with and/or leaving the provincial child welfare and custody systems, are young women with mild mental health issues, trans

In our 25th anniversary year, I find myself especially grateful for Eva's team of support, housing, and harm reduction workers, counsellors, program providers, and facility and administrative staff. You have carried our Founder Eva Smith's torch since the opening of Eva's Place, our first facility, in 1994. I know it hasn't been easy. All along the way, there have been pressures to achieve more with less; difficult situations to navigate; and systems that have not worked well to help young people actualize their right to housing and a good quality of life. Still, your persistence humbles me. Thank you for so deeply believing in Eva Smith's dream for better vouth futures.

I must also express my thankfulness to Eva's donors, board, volunteers, and supporters. You are a critical part of our Caring Community. You have championed what we know all young people need to thrive: a safe place, healthy relationships and life skills, educational and vocational achievement, and better health and wellbeing. You have fueled our energy and tenacity over the past 25 years. In last year's report, I shared our dream to innovate so homeless young people don't have to stay in shelters on a longterm basis. With the announcement of new housing action plans, we pushed to make sure the young people we serve would not be forgotten. I am thrilled to tell you that, with your support, we are building new housing options for young people who face high rates of housing discrimination and low access to other supports. Eva's exciting new YOUth Belong program is the first of its kind in Toronto. Read more about it on page 12 of this report.

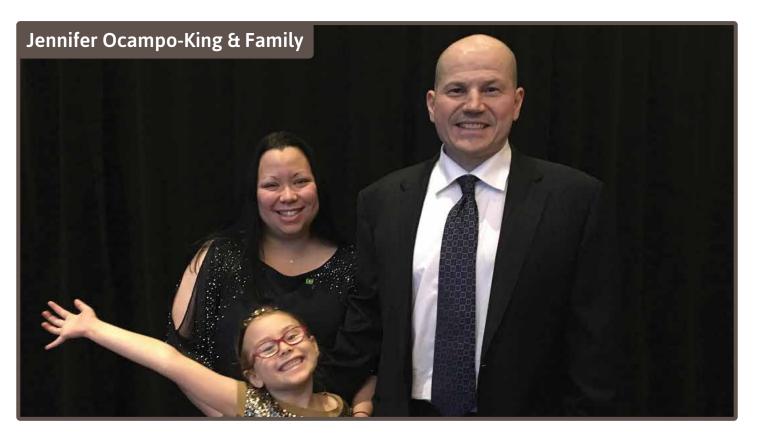
Please stay close to us. Young people at Eva's need you more than ever in this ambitious new direction. Just look at what happens when we work together! I'm more convinced than ever of Eva Smith's vision. I know we can end youth homelessness and, ultimately, make sure this organization will not need to be here for 25 more years.

#### **Jocelyn Helland** Executive Director



You have championed **Eva Smith's dream** in the lives of young people, in all its forms









As a veteran emergency shelter and year-long transitional housing service provider, Eva's has been in a conflicted position. We are too aware of what a young person needs right away: things like a safe bed, nutritious food and clean water, medical attention, and caring, kind treatment.

Still, for 25 years, Eva's has never been satisfied with that alone. We know that those things, important as they are, serve as guick stopgaps for larger problems: growing poverty and housing unaffordability, insufficient child protection services. and inadequate mental health, employment, and education supports, to name a few. That's why we have always leaped first into innovative efforts to provide more than emergency help. That's why we've worked hard to provide an array of critical inhouse programs and established strong partnerships with other service providers. We've always wanted young people to be able to trust us to help them get more than the basics. And once they leave us, we never want them to be in the position to have to return to the shelter system.

Eva's wants young people to go beyond survival. We want them to thrive. That's why I'm so proud of our expert staff team, dedicated board members and volunteers, and generous donors and supporters. I love that we persist in our belief that young people, in all their diversities, deserve so much more. I invite you to celebrate our 25th anniversary with us and get excited about the tens of thousands of young people, families, and communities who have been positively impacted. I thank you for making that impact possible in the first place.

On a practical level, what did we accomplish this year? We made great strides to achieve stronger financial stability and, at the same time, we were able to enhance our modest reserve. We are fortunate to have a financial reserve to ensure that, should we ever need it, we have a few months of operating costs for our three facilities. This stability provides greater resilience for our organization and to ensures we are able to responsibly meet young people's needs. This year has also been a year of organizational restructuring in order to better meet the goals of our strategic plan. While we are still in the process of settling into the new structure and filling all the roles, we will be all the stronger, moving forward, with more effective service delivery at all sites. This change provides more independence for staff and allows our Executive Director more time to focus on strategic issues for the organization, for young people, to change the things that aren't working that are leading to youth becoming homeless in the first place.

Looking ahead, the three goals of our strategic plan—Prevention, Innovation, and Permanency will continue to shape our vision for Eva's future. We will emphasize Prevention through an expanded Family Reconnect initiative. We will focus on Innovation in all areas of our work, but perhaps most extensively in the pursuit of Permanency. We will pursue Permanency through our quest for longer-term housing solutions for our youth, once they are ready to move on from Eva's. We will also look to complement our board with new members who will help us better reflect and understand the communities we serve.

As a national election approaches, I also ask you to hold our leaders accountable for how they will make housing a true right for young people experiencing homelessness. Remember, these young people do not have the typical family supports of their housed peers. They may be dealing with overwhelming challenges and often face multiple discriminations and barriers. They need us all to listen, take them and their ambitions seriously, and believe and invest in their potential. Thanks to the Board, the Committees and the incredibly hard working and dedicated staff of Eva's.

Graeme H. Young

Current President, Board of Directors



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Eva's will do all we can to help youth grow healthy relationships with us and their families, neighbours, colleagues, & communities.

### We are a Reflective, Learning Organization

What works for youth changes over time and youth we work with need tailored approaches that meet their diverse needs. Rooted in a history of innovation, Eva's is committed to growing our own knowledge and finding out how we can do better. We embrace continuous learning to improve our practice and change the status quo, grounded in social consciousness and critical self-reflection.

We will foster a trusting, empathetic environment and a workplace culture marked by curiosity, constructive criticism, and creativity. In the end, we don't know all the answers, but we can humbly learn from the lived experiences of youth, our own successes and challenges, and the broader evidence base to become the best we can be and share that knowledge with our community partners.

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At Eva's: we serve many youth impacted by poverty, racism, transphobia, homophobia, multiple trauma, exposure to violence, and criminalization/institutionalization.



### We Put Young People at the Core

Young people are centered at Eva's as human beings with inalienable human rights. Eva's not only aims to provide excellent resources and programs tailored to young people's developmental, cultural, and individual needs, but we also want to bolster their self determination, self-advocacy, and strengths.

We challenge ourselves to shed institutional mindsets and take joy in the opportunity we have to assist youth on their journeys. We want to become a place where young people have the space to lead the organization's direction, the support to become partners in service delivery, and the voices to hold us accountable for how resources are used for their benefit.

#### We are Relationship Focused

For young people to move in from the margins and gain Eva's will do all we can to help youth grow healthy a sense of true belonging requires healthy relationships rooted in trust, transparency, empathy, fairness, consistent and appropriate boundaries, strong conflict resolution, and strengths-based communication.

relationships with us and their families, neighbours, peers, colleagues, and communities. Knowing that young people look up to us, we will model healthy relationships ourselves and structure our environment and approach to enable relationship-building success.

#### **Our Approach is One of Justice Doing**

Homelessness is a symptom of social injustices. Ultimately, the only way to end it is to get at its root causes and take on our all-encompassing responsibility unwittingly perpetuating an unfair status quo. Eva's to foster social justice.

Eva's will support our team to pursue equitable outcomes through anti-oppressive, intersectional service approaches and we will be an organization that is reflective of the diverse communities we serve.

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We will challenge systemic barriers and power imbalances impacting youth and we will avoid will do all we can to ensure that young people not only have access basic survival resources but can actualize their rights and are treated with dignity and respect. We will make every effort to practice justice in the way we function as an organization.

youth received employment training youth served by Eva's **Family Reconnect** 

40 in construction and



residents found shelter and safety at Eva's

235 youth supported to complete high school and/or go to college/university

#### **Demographics:**

any young person can experience homelessness, but some face higher risks/barriers and have less access to supports (e.g. LGBTTIQQ2S youth, Indigenous youth, racialized youth, youth leaving foster care)



### 5000 +

109

at Phoenix

#### Independent Living Skills, Financial literacy, Health and Wellness sessions for youth

building maintenance

105in fundamentals of securing employment 24 in graphic communication and print technologies

370

at Satellite

We're in the second year of an exciting Strategic Plan, grounded in evidence and the interventions young people told us they need. Here's a sense of how we have pursued key priorities as an organization.

# Prevention

Because preventing youth homelessness leads to vastly better outcomes.

#### What we're doing:

Revamping our renowned Family Reconnect Program and making it more effective in building strong relationships between young people and their families, preventing future homelessness

> Policy reform and government relations efforts to ensure young people who are homeless benefit from new public funding and initiatives for affordable housing



Providing in-community support to young people leaving the child protection system so they have what they need to get housed and stay housed

## Permanency

Because stability and community in a place that feels like home is essential.

What we're doing:

Building a unique coordinated intake model to ensure young people get fast access to the best services for their needs

Launching new long-term housing options and bursaries for youth with greatest needs

# Leadership and Innovation

Because we have a responsibility to be exceptional and adaptive in efforts to end youth homelessness.

what we are doing:

Building our capacity to measure and learn from our impacts on young people we work with

Developing our equity, inclusion, and anti-oppressive practice as achieving our mandate requires nothing less than major shifts in the status quo

Read the full plan: evas.ca/publications



Envisioning and exploring sharpened youth harm reduction approaches



Meeting the challenge of diverse youth needs and complex social problems by building our excellence and consistency in service delivery

To be officially launched in fall 2019, Eva's YOUth Belong is a unique new program focused on Black and racialized young people with complex barriers to housing. It helps 50 young people transition out of homelessness into stable housing in the community.

### **Community Houses**

Eva's community houses provide safe places for 16 Black and racialized youth residents to live for up to four years. Each resident has a case manager to provide coaching and support and each house has a live-in support worker.

**EVA'S** HOME

four-bedroom house for young people involved with and/or leaving the provincial child welfare system.

EVA'S HOPE

four-bedroom house for young people affected by the criminal justice system.



# EVA'S

four-bedroom house for female-identified young people with mental health needs.

**EVA'S** 

four-bedroom house for trans and gender non-binary young people.

### **Housing Bursaries**

Eva's also provides support for 34 Black and racialized young people who are homeless, at risk of being homeless, or precariously housed. We offer up to two years of:



#### **Project Partners**

We are proud to collaborate with like-minded organizations who are deeply invested in serving our young people to exit homelessness in this project.

The Canadian Observatory on Homelessr

**CHEERS Mentorship Program** 

Children's Aid Society of Toronto

**Central Toronto Youth Services** 

**Evangel Hall Mission** 

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	Gerstein Crisis Centre	
	METRAC Action on Violence	
	StepStones for Youth	
	Yonge Street Mission, Evergreen Centre for Street Youth	

### **Policy Advocacy and**

Eva's Initiatives seeks to address systemic issues impacting the lives of our young people through its policy advocacy and public education work. We aim to amplify the voices of our young people to allow them to speak directly to the issues that impact their lives. Our policy advocacy efforts in 2018 focused on the areas of harm reduction and affordable housing:

#### Harm Reduction and Overdose Prevention

Facing an opioid crisis across Canada, young people aged 16-24 are at risk of preventable death, with those experiencing homelessness and precarious housing facing even greater risks. Harm reduction and overdose prevention efforts geared towards young people work to prevent these deaths. Still, the crisis continues to balloon and very few youth-specific harm reduction and overdose prevention service options are available.



In April, Kristen (a peer mentor alumna of Eva's Advanced SPOT harm reduction program) and staff member Grace Costa presented at the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology on Bill C-45 to address issues related to young people and the legalization of cannabis.

Recognizing that we have to break through stigmas and misconceptions, Eva's recently launched an advocacy campaign that includes, launching a digital advocacy campaign asking Canadians to urge their elected representatives and governments to boost harm reduction and overdose prevention efforts for diverse young people; support public health campaigns that reduce stigma that prevent young people from getting the help they need; and promote a digital 'overdose prevention toolkit' to help adults and youth peers support young people in their lives.

### **Affordable Housing for Youth** with High Barriers to Housing

Eva's has worked on highlighting the need for greater housing affordability for young people in various public forums. In June, federal Minister of Children, Families, and Social Development Jean-Yves Duclos and MP Adam Vaughan visited Eva's Phoenix to announce Reaching Home, the redesigned Homelessness Partnership Strategy. Reaching Home is part of the National Housing Strategy, the Government of Canada's 10-year, \$40-billion strategy to lift thousands of Canadians out of core housing need.



Our advocacy and public education efforts draw on what we see on the frontlines as we create housing stability for more young people. For example, we are excited to launch and learn from Eva's YOUth Belong Project, supporting 50 Black and racialized young people over the next three years with housing supplements and wrap around services so that they can achieve housing stability. Our advocacy will evolve as new findings and practices emerge from our work to expand youth housing supports.

As there were both provincial and municipal elections in 2018, Eva's also helped our young people engage in the electoral process by helping young people register to vote, providing educational material on election issues, and supporting a group of Eva's young people to attend a Youth Town Hall with Ontario's political party leaders on May 7.

In addition to advocating for housing affordability measures, Eva's also emphasizes the need for wrap around services to support young people in attaining permanency and stability in their lives. Our advocacy is informed by the Indigenous definition of homelessness, which defines homelessness beyond a lack of shelter to include disconnection from culture, land, language, and other identity-forming necessities.

2019 marks our 25th anniversary since opening our doors at Eva's Place. Together with our caring community, we have been able to provide a safe place and the needed supports for thousands of young people who have experienced homelessness.



Eva's Place opens

Eva Maud Smith

1994

opens

transitional housing and employment training facility 2000

Eva's Phoenix

Eva's Phoenix **Print Shop** launches 2002

> Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation names Eva's Phoenix a best practice in affordable housing 2004

Eva's Print Shop wins Toronto **Foundation Vital Ideas Award** 2007

> **25 Years of Ending Youth Homelessness**

2014

# eva: 25

1993 **Eva's Place** ground-breaking ceremony

2001 **Eva's Family** Reconnect **Program piloted** 

**Eva's Satellite** established as Canada's first harm reduction shelter for youth

1997

2003 **Eva's National Initiatives Program** established to share best practices across Canada

2006 Eva's Mentorship Program screens "A Sheltered Life" documentary at **New York Harlem** Film Festival and wins award

2010

**Buzz Hargrove** Youth Training Centre opens at Eva's Phoenix to house technology and educational programs

Eva's Education **Program established** at Eva's Phoenix **Rising Capital** Campaign launches

> . . . . . National Initiatives Program becomes new organization, A Way Home Coalition 2015

Eva's launched **YOUth Belong** Program 2019

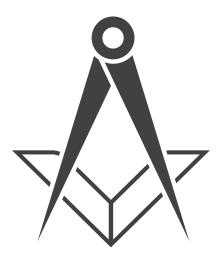
2016 New Eva's Phoenix facility opens at Waterworks Redevelopment site

2014 July 7th Eva's **Construction and Building Maintenance Program launches** 

Eva's is well-known and highly regarded for our innovation in tackling the complex issues surrounding youth homelessness. Although we operate emergency shelters, we know that these are not enough. We need to provide further housing options and ways for rapid exits from homelessness towards permanency and stability.

### Launching Eva's Innovation Lab

In 2018, Eva's launched a three-year social innovation lab focused on reducing youth homelessness. The lab was created in recognition of Eva's history of innovation and borne from a desire to radically advance our work in supporting young people. Just as we have scientific and technical labs for solving our most difficult scientific and technical challenges, we need social labs to solve our most pressing social challenges (Zaid Hassan, The Social Labs Revolution).

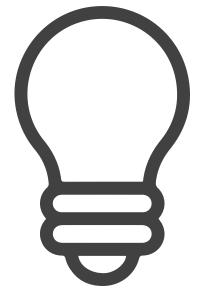


Like many complex social challenges, youth homelessness has both well-defined/known and ill-defined/unknown components. We have ample evidence that stable housing and robust social supports help young people more guickly exit homelessness. What is less defined is how to deliver and scale these housing options and supports in the Toronto context (e.g., in light of low rental vacancy rates, current zoning restrictions on multi-unit dwellings, changing political climate and funding, etc.).

Our social lab seeks to answer the challenge of how we might design and deliver a broader continuum of housing options and social supports to decrease youth homelessness in Toronto. Our theory of change aims to achieve our aims through market housing solutions, policy advocacy, and capacity building at Eva's and in our sector.

#### **Innovation in practice**

We have been prototyping ways to increase the range of housing options and supports we provide including both new, leading edge housing options for the sector (e.g., stackable temporary modular housing) as well as scaling more proven solutions (e.g., expand transitional, congregate housing models with wrap around supports to stabilize young people).



Recipients of \$1.4M per year for three years in provincial Home for Good funding to support specialized transitional housing programming and rent subsidies for 50 young people. This grant will allow us to further support and create programming specific to Black and racialized youth. Some of the congregate housing will specifically focus on four priority populations: those exiting the foster care system, those coming from the justice system, young female-identified people who have mild mental health issues, and LGBTQ (trans/non-binary) young people.

Eva's is a recipient of National Housing Strategy funding, as administered by the Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation, for our Journeys Into and Out of Youth Homelessness project. In 2019, we will conduct participatory, action research with frontline workers, academics, young people with lived experience, partner agencies from Vancouver and Montreal, and Deloitte Doblin. The outputs of this project will include toolkits on how to conduct trauma-informed, resiliency-based research with young people, qualitative research findings on pathways into and out of urban youth homelessness, and prototypes of interventions to better address youth homelessness and housing precarity in large Canadian cities. This funding builds on our Lab's Torontospecific work to provide a cross-jurisdictional lens to our interventions.

In 2019, Eva's will continue with the implementation of our innovative interventions and be responsive to emergent opportunities to secure housing options for young people.

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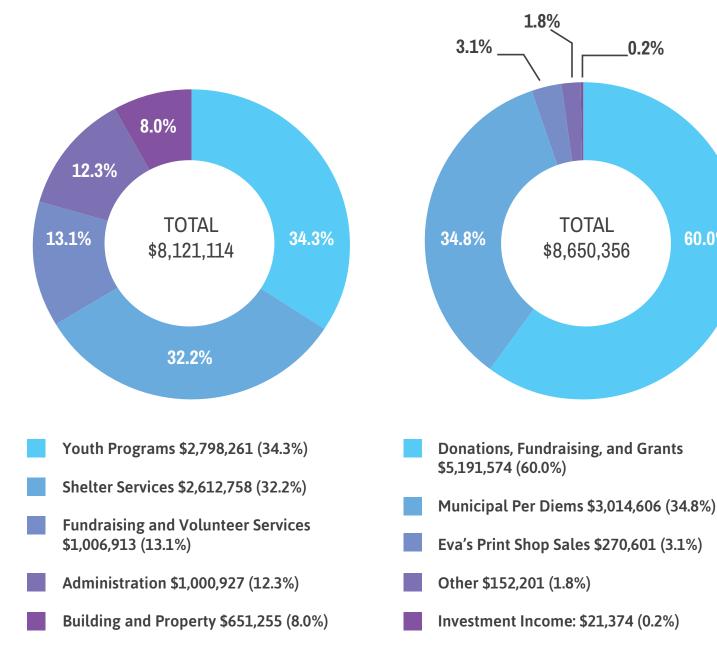
Cost per month to provide one young person with safe shelter, nutritious food basic needs and a supportive 24/7 environment

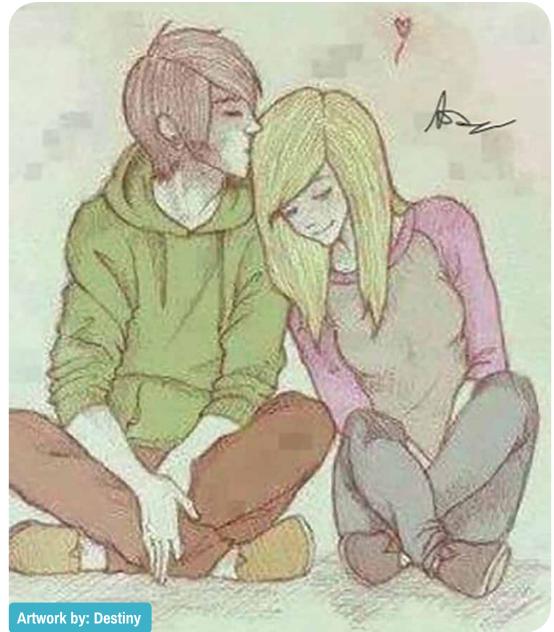
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60.0%





Sailing in a sea of feeling Looking for the one Bottle after bottle I consume The more I feel, the more I consume Trying not to fall, so wavey Can't stand can't trust can't love Pirates on my boat, taking my gold

Now goldless and drunk, I might need next bottle

Poem by: Travis R.

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

2018	2017
\$ 1,341,382	\$ 1,406,113
1,400,000	152,604
271,927	192,498
120,188	101,177
3,133,542	1,852,392
11,167,840	11,774,217
14,301,382	13,626,609
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#### LIABILITIES

	\$ 14,301,382	\$ 13,626,609
	1,728,343	1,230,173
Board Designated Reserve	700,000	
Net assets invested in property and equipment	693,795	693,795
Operating fund	536,378	536,378
NET ASSETS		
	12,573,039	12,396,436
Deferred capital contributions	10,852,436	11,252,941
	1,720,603	1,143,495
Deferred grants	1,285,443	583,990
Construction and holdback payable		79,889
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 435,160	\$ 479,616
Current liabilities		

### STATEMENT OF OPERATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

REVENUES		
Donations, fundraising and grants		
Toronto Community Services funding		
Eva's Print Shop sales		
Investment incomes		
Other		

#### **EXPENSES**

Youth programs
Shelter services
Administration
Building and property
Fundraising and volunteer services

Excess of revenues over expenses before the following Amortization of property and equitment Amortization of deferred capital contribution Excess of revenues over expenses, for the year

#### 2017

#### 2018

\$ 5,191,574	\$ 4,442,472
3,014,606	3,016,232
270,601	244,868
21,374	5,089
152,201	80,965
8,650,356	7,789,603

\$ 2,789,261	\$ 2,654,893
2,612,758	2,317,873
1,000,927	802,932
651,255	610,024
1,066,913	974,871
8,121,114	7,360,603
529,242	429,023
612,827	611,185
581,755	579,839
\$ 13,626,609	\$ 13,626,609

Thank you to the donors and sponsors who helped Eva's create opportunities for homeless youth with their cumulative financial or in-kind contributions made between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018.

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#### FRIEND \$1,000 - \$4,999

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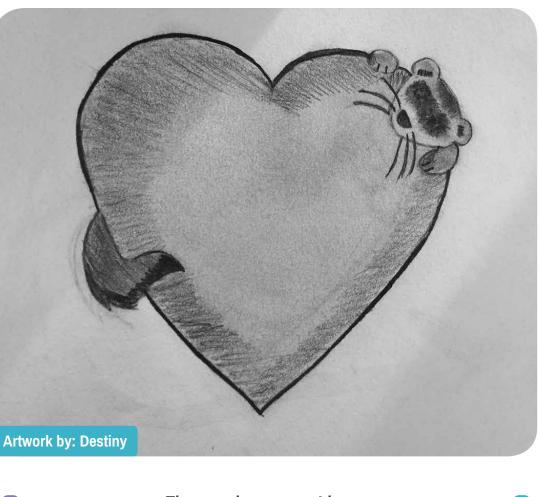
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Don't that sound nice? Are they both your home? Take care of Earth

They say home sweet home Then what is the difference Between outside and inside?

Like nothing like a clean house So why dirty outside? Earth is dying

Without Earth say goodbye to home sweet home

Pick up your trash

Poem by: Travis R.

### Eva's Walk for Homeless Youth (March 5, 2018)

500 students embarked on a 7 KM journey to raise awareness and funds



### Bay Street Tournament, Hockey Helps the Homeless (April 20, 2018)

Hockey pros and hockey lovers alike teamed up on the ice to compete and raise essential funds



#### Eva's Home For Life (June 21, 2018)

Presented by Scotiabank and hosted by design duo Colin Lewis McAllister and Justin Patrick Ryan, this auction enabled attendees to beautify their homes and make home possible for young people



Eva's Golf Classic (September 14, 2018)

Golf enthusiasts teed off to raise funds for safe shelter, meals, and 24-7 support



Eva's Taste Matters (October 16, 2018)

Presented by TD and hosted by Chef Brad Long, attendees sampled some of the city's best food and drink and raised funds



Many people freely offer their time and energy to young people at Eva's. Volunteers prepare meals and treats, support building maintenance and repairs, help with events, serve as leaders and committee members, run their own fundraisers for the organization, and so much more. Between May 1st and September, 30th, 177 people volunteered 1,283.5 hours, which is a total economic savings to Eva's of \$23,770.42.

#### Here's a small snapshot of volunteers in action.





**Home Depot** aiding with garden cleanup at Eva' Place



Dana, Cooking Program **Facilitator Volunteer Baking Cookies with young** people at Eva's Phoneix





**Social Media Specialist Shaun and Donor Relations Volunteer Meredyth** supporting Eva's Communications **Team on Giving Tuesday** 

#### **Event volunteers supporting Eva's Home for Life**

Group volunteers sprucing up Eva's exterior with some new paint

We can't do it alone. We want to acknowledge and thank our Toronto community partners who help us achieve impact, raise our voices to promote systemic change, and provide a more holistic approach to support the young people we serve.

#### These invaluable partners include:

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Community connection is essential to ending youth homelessness, and Eva's is thankful to get involved in community events and opportunities.





#### Eva Maud Smith (1923-1993)

Eva was a woman of action. In 1956 at the age of 33, she immigrated to Canada from Jamaica as a domestic worker. Nothing was easy about her first years in this country, but it wasn't long before she became a Toronto community leader and a school outreach worker.

No matter her personal circumstances, Eva's heart was drawn to our city's young people. She wanted to help them grow up healthy and happy and get a great education, but she realized that the experience of homelessness had become a barrier for some. Eva shed light on hidden youth homelessness, showing decision-makers the scope of the problem and rallying supporters to do something about it. She demonstrated that adult shelters were missing the specialized supports youth needed to avoid chronic homelessness in the long term. It's through Eva Smith's trailblazing work that our original emergency shelter and the first youth-focused shelter in North York, Toronto, Eva's Place, was opened for homeless youth.

Although Eva Smith passed away in 1993, her spirit has lived on. A few years later, Eva's Satellite, Canada's only harm reduction shelter for youth, opened to provide specialized supports for youth challenged by addictions and mental health. And after that, Eva's Phoenix was launched to provide youth transitional housing and the skills they need to find and maintain housing and employment in the long run.

Today, Eva's serves hundreds of young people and their families every year, offering a unique combination of safe shelter and housing, street outreach, counselling, training, and life skills programs. We support them to build productive, self-sufficient, and healthy lives. We're also known for taking bold risks and sharing best practices to prevent, reduce, and end youth homelessness.



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