



# BEHIND YOUR IMPACT

*Who we serve at Eva's*



Eva's assists more than 200 young people every day with your generous support, providing essential skills development and vital community connections for a brighter future.

Our 2023 Youth Survey results highlight a notable rise in Black, newcomer, and 2SLGBTQ+ youth accessing services at Eva's.

Your generosity enables Eva's to deliver targeted supports that are urgently needed for groups that are disproportionately impacted by youth homelessness. Together, we are breaking down barriers and providing culturally responsive and trauma-informed programming that caters to the unique needs of Black youth, while also remaining open to all.

**Your support is crucial to creating positive change, helping hundreds of youth transition to employment, housing, and independence every year.**



# TOP 3 SURVEY TRENDS

72%

of youth self-identified  
as Black

↑ 21% increase from last year

57%

of youth self-identified as a  
refugee or refugee claimant\*

↑ 32% increase from  
last year

34%

of youth self-identified  
as 2SLGBTQ+

↑ 10% increase from  
last year

*Your donations help us adapt to meet the  
ever-changing needs of the community we serve.*

\*A refugee is an individual compelled to leave their homeland due to persecution, war, or violence.  
A refugee claimant is someone within Canada who seeks protection by making a claim for refugee status.

## Seeking safe haven

An increasing number of newcomers are coming to Canada, seeking shelter from war, violence, persecution, human rights abuses, and environmental disasters.

Of the youth at Eva's who self-identified as a refugee or refugee claimant:

88%

also self-identified  
as **Black**

68%

also self-identified  
as **2SLGBTQ+**

### About the survey

This is a moment-in-time snapshot of the youth seeking our services. 120 youth completed the survey, covering our emergency shelters (Place and Satellite Hotel) and transitional housing site (Phoenix). The survey does not capture YOUth Belong participants, where 100% self-identify as Black, a requirement of the program.

**"For a lot of our youth, their first stop after getting off the plane is Eva's Satellite. They simply have nowhere else to go. Some are as young as 17 or 18 and may be fleeing persecution, forced marriages, or other harms. They are leaving everything behind and starting from scratch."**

**—Monique, Senior Site Manager at Eva's Satellite Hotel**





## Putting young people first

**7%** of youth at Eva's are between 16 – 18  
The average age is 21

*Your support helps young people to develop essential life skills, like cooking and meal planning, to build brighter futures during a pivotal time in their lives.*

## Building a foundation for success

**60%** of youth have at least some high school education

**14%** of youth have at least some college education

**16%** of youth have at least some university education

*Your support helps young people create a customized action plan, including education, life skills, and employment training.*



## Top goals set by youth at Eva's:

- | Employment
- 2 Financial management
- 3 Education
- 4 Housing

*Thank you for helping young people achieve their goals towards independence.*

"I joined the program as a newcomer to Toronto, having arrived in the country just two months prior. Eva's Print Shop was crucial in helping me navigate my new environment, providing insights into various job opportunities and imparting practical work experiences. It's not just a program; it's a community that guides you through your journey in a new place."

—Bezawit: Eva's Print Shop Training Program  
Participant 2023



Only  
**17%**  
of youth at Eva's are  
receiving income from part-time  
or full-time employment.

*Helping young people achieve their employment goals will significantly impact their futures.*



*Thank you for your support.*

Your dedication enables us to accomplish crucial and groundbreaking work. In the spirit of collaboration, we thank you, our kind and caring supporters, partners, volunteers, and communities, for making a positive difference.

Together, we are creating healthy pathways out of homelessness.



# PUTTING YOUR IMPACT TO WORK

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW STRATEGIC PLAN 2024 – 2027

Eva's new three-year strategic plan strongly emphasizes identifying and dismantling barriers impacting Black youth. This approach aims to cultivate a community that actively creates anti-racist and social justice solutions to combat youth homelessness.

 we invite you to take an exclusive first look:  
**[stratplan.evas.ca](https://stratplan.evas.ca)**

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