

ABOUT GOOD SHEPHERD

Founded in 1963, Good Shepherd Ministries serves individuals who struggle with homelessness and poverty. All services are offered free of charge and without distinction to anyone in need. Thanks to the efforts of volunteers, donors, and staff, Good Shepherd Ministries provides the necessities of life – food, shelter, clothing, and medical care – to thousands of individuals in need each year.

MISSION

To be present to the homeless and most neglected members of our community. To offer a broad range of compassionate programs and services to enhance the quality of life while inspiring hope and promoting human dignity.

VISION

To alleviate the effects of poverty while striving to eliminate chronic homelessness within our community.

VALUES

HOSPITALITY: The overarching value as inspired by St. John of God is embedded in all we do as we create opportunities for transformation and welcome others with generosity and openness.

QUALITY: To provide excellence in service delivery.

RESPECT: To be lovingly present and open to others.

RESPONSIBILITY: To assume a duty of care for those who use our services.

SPIRITUALITY: Committed to those we serve through all situations in their lives, honouring all traditions, cultures, and religions as a sign of hope and hospitality.



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Homeless Veterans Program

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HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

Until all of us are home.

*Intensive case management
and peer support for
Veterans who are homeless
or at risk of homelessness.*



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Homeless Veteran's Program

Good Shepherd has been working with homeless Veterans since 2010. In collaboration with the Royal Canadian Legion and Veterans Affairs Canada, Good Shepherd has been able to help homeless Veterans find housing, seek help for addictions, enhance life and social skills, and connect to resources in their community.

You may be eligible to use these services if you are:

- a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular and Reserve Force) who has completed basic military training and has been released from the forces with an honourable discharge;
- a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

SERVICES



Housing

- Rent subsidy - limited subsidy available for those who qualify while it lasts
- Housing assistance
- Housing follow up support
- Case management



Mental Health & Addiction

- Mental health services
- Addiction recovery services
- DARE program entry priority
- Medical referrals
- Individual & group counselling



Peer Support

- Veterans Peer Support group
- ID clinic
- Community resources coordination
- Social skills development
- Community living



Employment

- Resume support
- Job searching assistance
- Referrals to employment services
- Helmets to Hardhats Trades Program

What services does the Homeless Veterans Program offer?



- **Housing Support:** The Veterans Program Team helps homeless veterans or veterans at risk of homelessness, find and maintain affordable and stable housing in the community. GSM has rental subsidies for a limited number of housing units. This opportunity will be discussed during the intake and assessment process.
- **Case Management:** This case management includes providing support and helping clients find appropriate housing as well as connecting clients to local supports within their community.
- **Drug & Alcohol Recovery Enrichment (DARE):** DARE is a post-detoxification and pre-treatment program Veterans are given priority access to 5 DARE beds. The DARE Program at Good Shepherd Centre is an abstinence-based residential program for homeless men with addictions who need a supportive safe place to live until they begin treatment and/or find housing.
- **Living Better:** The Veterans Program Team facilitates a group that addresses the unique needs of Veterans. The group is a safe place where Veterans can freely discuss and share their concerns. Some topics covered in past groups: communication, anger management, self care, stress management, tenants rights, addictions and mental health. The group will also provide practical skill development, e.g. food preparation.

Helmets to Hardhats



If a Veteran shows interest in the Trades, then we assist with communications and registrations with Helmets to Hardhats. H2H provides resources, communications, and opportunities by utilizing their relationship with the trade unions. They also turn to industry professionals that are Veterans and have experienced transitioning to civilian life.



Homeless Support Services Offered by Good Shepherd Ministries:

- Daily Meal Program
- Emergency Shelter
- Health Care
- Shelter Diversion Services
- Veterans Housing Support
- DARE (Drug and Alcohol Recovery Enrichment) Program
- Barrett House – Supportive housing with 24-hour care for those living with HIV and AIDS
- St. Joseph's Residence – Supportive housing with 24-hour care for seniors with a history of homelessness