

# Report Card on Homelessness



*working together to end homelessness*

April 2011

## The Tipping Point – Women and Homelessness

Malcolm Gladwell's bestselling book, *"The Tipping Point"* identifies that in any major societal change, there is a point, an issue or moment that "tips" the momentum of an issue from unknown to significance and ultimately a change in culture.

In 2009, more than 400 different women spent a night in a shelter. More than 2,500 other women are estimated to be homeless in Simcoe County – either couch surfing, sleeping on the streets or accessing **Out of the Cold** programs in Barrie or Midland.

21% of women living on the streets were sexually assaulted or raped in the past year.

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66% of women living on the streets indicate that they are living on the streets simply because of unaffordable rents or eviction.

More than half of the women on the streets have been diagnosed with mental health issues the majority being severe depression and anxiety and only 2% suffering from schizophrenia.

The prototypical homeless woman is living on the streets because they cannot afford rent and have been evicted. They have a 21% chance of being raped or sexually assaulted this year. They are 10 times more likely to die than the average person and more than half of them suffer from mental health issues – primarily severe depression or anxiety.

This must be the Tipping Point. He hope is that the findings of this report card will serve as that very thing, the Tipping Point to the crisis of our conscience. These women are our sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins and friends. Homelessness is not a choice – it is a tragedy.

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Grade		2008	2009	2010
	<b>Absolute Homelessness</b>			
<i>Needs Improvement</i>	Number of Different Individuals Served by Emergency Shelter System	1,463	1,429	not yet available
	Number of Homeless Individuals Not Seeking Shelter Assistance	7,500+	7,500+	7,500+
	<b>SCATEH Comments</b>			
	<p>The County of Simcoe assisted 1,463 and 1,429 different individuals with emergency shelter stays in 2008 and 2009. These include homeless individuals and families receiving homelessness support services in the emergency shelters and through the emergency motel voucher program throughout Simcoe County. These numbers do not however include people who access the Out of the Cold programs in Barrie and Midland or individuals or families that are temporarily living with friends, living in motor vehicles, or living in alleys and parks. Also, the County of Simcoe for 2011 is providing \$759,024 in homelessness prevention funding to help combat the effects of homelessness through local agency prevention projects such as drop-in centres, mobile outreach services, transitional housing, housing support services, community meals and soup kitchens, and food bank support.</p>			
	<b>Rental Housing Availability</b>			
<i>Needs Improvement</i>	Vacancy Rate			
	• One Bedroom	3.3%	4.0%	2.7%
	• Two Bedroom	2.5%	3.0%	1.8%
	• Three Bedroom	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%
	<b>SCATEH Comments</b>			
	<p>The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation releases an annual report on the housing situation in several Canadian cities. This data is the average for Barrie, Midland, Orillia and Collingwood. SCATEH believes these numbers are consistent throughout the rest of the County. 2010 saw a decrease in housing availability in the local area. Vacancy rates of 3% are considered ideal with a lower number being a burden on renters as a lower number reflects less units available for potential renters to select</p>			
	<b>Rental Housing Market Rates</b>			
<i>Needs Improvement</i>	Average Market Rents			
	• One Bedroom (Barrie)	\$860	\$821	\$851
	• One Bedroom (Collingwood, Orillia, Midland)	\$688	\$701	\$731
	• Two Bedroom (Barrie)	\$954	\$961	\$968
	• Two Bedroom (Collingwood, Orillia, Midland)	\$795	\$810	\$834
	• Three Bedroom (Barrie)	\$1,144	\$1,128	\$1,164
	• Three Bedroom (Collingwood, Orillia, Midland)	\$813	\$841	\$871
	<b>SCATEH Comments</b>			
	<p>There is a significant variation in rents in Barrie and the rest of the County. As such it is considered practical to review the rental rates separately. The rents in Barrie are in the highest range for the province of Ontario. Despite the variances in rates for the other centres, rental rates increased in each of these areas in 2010.</p>			



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	<b>Rental Housing Affordability</b>			
<i>Slight Improvement</i>	Minimum Wage (monthly income at 40 hrs week, before taxes, etc)	\$1,515	\$1,645	\$1,775
	Ontario Works Program Maximum Shelter Allowance Single Person	\$349	\$356	\$368
	Ontario Works Maximum Shelter Allowance Four Person Family	\$647	\$660	\$672
	<b>SCATEH Comments</b>			
	This statistic is intended to provide a correlation between average rents and the minimum wage or maximum shelter allowances provided by Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program. It is relevant to note that the maximum shelter allowance for a single Ontario Works recipient is \$368, almost \$500 below the average market price and for a single disabled individual the amount provided is almost \$200 less.			
	<b>Subsidized Housing Availability</b>			
<i>Significant Improvement</i>	Number of Subsidized Housing Units	2,801	2,801	2,801
	Number of Subsidized Housing Units per 1,000 people	6.3	6.2	6.1
	Provincial Average Subsidized Housing Units per 1,000 People	15.9	15.7	15.5
	Additional Affordable Housing Units Added Simcoe County	31	193	88
	<b>SCATEH Comments</b>			
	There has been a steady improvement in this area as the County has been able to provide more subsidized housing units than mandated by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing. Non-Profit and Co-operative housing providers account for 3,035 units. In 2010, 239 private landlords had entered into contracts with the County to provide subsidized units under the Rent Supplement Program.			
	<b>Government Partnership to End Homelessness</b>			
<i>Some Progress</i>	The Federal Government recently renewed the <b>Homeless Prevention Strategy</b> for 2011 to 2014.			
	While this money significantly helps local community agencies deliver key homelessness programs, this funding has remained the same over the past five years. SCATEH continues to support the need for the Federal Government to create a <b>National Housing Strategy</b> to identify future policies in regards to the development of more affordable housing.			
	The Provincial Government has matched federal committed funding over the past five years to new affordable housing. Prior to the devolution of social housing to the Municipal level of government in 2002, Provincial governments had been responsible for providing and maintaining subsidized housing. Since the devolution, the Provincial government has held to the position that housing is now the responsibility of the municipality and its limited property tax base to maintain and develop new housing. Ongoing commitments for capital funding for Affordable Housing is imperative.			
	In 2002, the County of Simcoe inherited a housing portfolio with one of the fewest housing units per capita in the entire Province. Since then Simcoe County has continued to grow with few additional units. In the past six years, the <b>Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program</b> has provided funding for several initiatives including: funding for the construction of 413 new affordable housing units; down payment assistance to 239 families to purchase a home in Simcoe County; and <b>Housing Allowance Program</b> which provides a monthly rental subsidy up to \$250 for 110 households. In addition, the <b>Short Term Rent Support Program</b> provided a subsidy of \$180 to approximately 130 renters. The County continues to make many additional efforts to secure any and all funding available for affordable housing			

# The State of Homeless Women

In 2007, the **Ontario Women's Health Network (OWHN)** undertook a survey of homeless women in Toronto. They released a Research Bulletin titled "*Women and Homelessness*" examining the life-threatening impact of homelessness, and illustrating just how significant of a determinant housing is on women's health. The findings of this Research Bulletin are deeply disturbing.



## Homeless women are exposed to high levels of violence.

- 37% had been physically assaulted in the past year
- 21% had been sexually assaulted or raped one or more times in the past year

## Homelessness is not a short-term crisis.

Women in the study had been homeless an average of 3 years

## Homeless is not a lifestyle choice.

Women gave the following main reasons for becoming homeless:

- Not being able to afford the rent – 33%
- Eviction – 33%
- Family or relationship breakdown – 24%
- Poor housing conditions – 12%
- Lack of safety – 18%

## Homeless is not a lifestyle choice.

Women gave the following main reasons for why they remained homeless:

- Cost of rent is too high or lack of income – 65%
- Lack of suitable housing (unsafe or poor conditions, bad landlords) – 25%
- Physical and mental health conditions – 33%

## Homeless women live in extreme poverty.

42% reported that they lived on \$2,400 or less per year, 23% reported receiving Ontario Works benefits, 24% reported receiving Ontario Disability Support Program benefits, and 5% reported receiving a government pension



## Homeless women do not get enough shelter, sleep or food.

- 50% said they had not been able to access a shelter bed at least once in the past year, on average 24 times
- 35% reported getting less than 6 hours of sleep each night
- 43% reported going hungry at least one day per week

## Homeless women live with extreme pain, exhaustion, and constant stress.

- 20% reported that they are usually in severe pain
- 68% reported living with extreme fatigue
- 58% experienced high levels of stress on a daily basis

## Homeless women experience serious mental distress.

In the past year:

- 58% said they had experienced trouble understanding, concentrating, or remembering
- 68% experienced serious depression
- 64% experienced serious anxiety or tension
- 12% had tried to commit suicide

## Homeless women experience serious health issues.

- 5 times as likely to have heart disease
- 3 times as likely to have asthma
- 2 ½ times as likely to have arthritis or rheumatism
- 4 times as likely to have diabetes
- 43% experienced foot problems in the past year
- 25% experienced pneumonia in the past year
- 13% had experienced a seizure in the past year



# SCATEH – Trying to Find the Tipping Point

Malcolm Gladwell's best selling book *"The Tipping Point"* is the examination of a simple idea and how little things can make a big difference causing a "tip" in a circumstance. The Tipping Point is a magic moment when an idea, trend or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips and spreads like wildfire. The hope is that the findings of this report card will serve as that very thing, the Tipping Point – that moment when we all see the deep tragedy of homelessness and the commitment to end it forever in Canada.

Homelessness is a choice very few people make. There are many reasons that people experience homelessness – for the majority of individuals, the situation is temporary, sometimes from a lost job, a relationship that ends unexpectedly, mental health problems, a series of unfortunate circumstances – the reasons are vast and often unexpected for the person experiencing the homelessness. For these individuals, the term is called "episodic homelessness" and most will only experience it for a short period, once or twice in a lifetime.

For others, homelessness is a chronic situation. These individuals often live on the streets for years and have mental disabilities, addiction problems and life-threatening diseases. They are also five times more likely than ordinary people to have suffered a traumatic brain injury. Without direct assistance, many will remain homeless for the rest of their lives — at enormous cost to society and themselves.

Homelessness has huge health effects on individuals. Homeless people have access to the health system — they make extensive use of emergency rooms — but their diseases are impossible to manage while they remain on the streets. Medicine for heart disease gets lost. Diabetics have no refrigerators to store insulin. Doctors cannot follow up with cancer patients. Studies have shown that homeless individuals have an average lifespan 25 years shorter than that of the average person. If this were any other population, it would have constituted a health crisis.

For women, the risks are greater yet. 21% were sexually assaulted or raped in the previous year. 51% suffer from serious mental health issues – the majority being depression and anxiety. The majority have ended up on the streets because of financial reasons. They live in extreme poverty, in extreme pain and experience severe mental and physical health ailments. The stereotypical homeless female is a schizophrenic individual choosing to live on the streets is simply not accurate.

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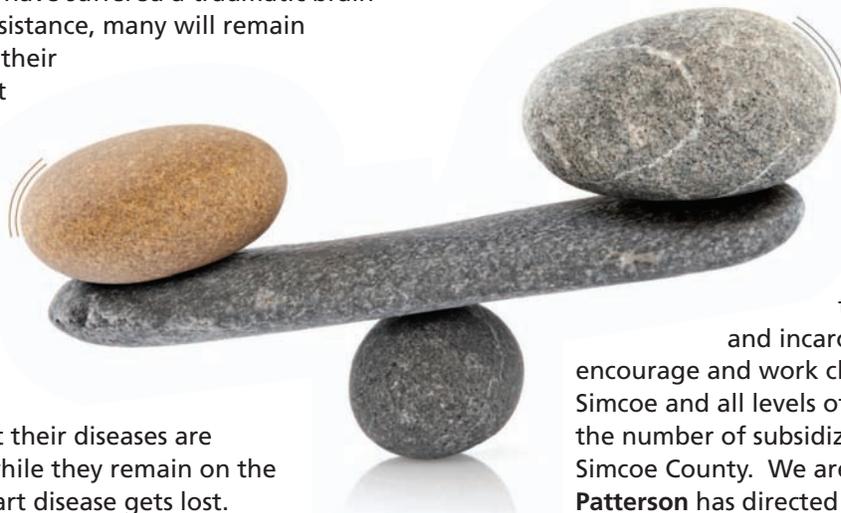
Based on the results of the Toronto study, the prototypical homeless female is this: she has likely suffered from anxiety or depression for much of her life, she became homeless due to an eviction because she simply could not pay the rent. She cannot afford new accommodations so she stays homeless. She is poverty stricken, tired and hungry and probably suffers from bed bug bites, foot ailments or maybe pneumonia. She still likely suffers from

anxiety or depression. In the past year there was a greater than 1 in 5 chance she was sexually assaulted or raped. She has a 10 times greater chance of dying than a housed individual.

At what point is the Tipping Point. At what point do we say homelessness needs to stop.

The Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness advocates that the most effective way to eliminate homelessness is to provide subsidized housing with supports. This system is less costly than shelters, hospitals

and incarceration. We continue to encourage and work closely with the County of Simcoe and all levels of government to increase the number of subsidized housing units in Simcoe County. We are pleased that **Warden Patterson** has directed staff at the County to fully pursue all forms of funding for new programs. We continue to see signs that the Tipping Point is soon.





# SCATEH Members are Helping in Simcoe County

There are many short term solutions and programs that are meeting the needs of the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in our community. The following pages of the Report Card on Homelessness focuses on but a few of the efforts and programs of several members of SCATEH that so effectively assist our greater mission to one day soon see an end to those living on the streets or in shelter programs.

*I then met with a counsellor at Home Horizon, and from there things started to change. I was offered temporary housing and a program of supportive counselling and from there my life was changed. I was able to take the time in the Home Horizon program to set goals, work toward a better income and I went back to school. I am now employed in a job I love and my children are happy again. I have become a role model to them and they are now thinking about college too.*

## Home Horizon Transitional Housing Services - Collingwood

A client's story:

*"I left an abusive relationship, was sleeping on my friends couch, had no hope of where to go and couldn't access the local women's shelter. I have 3 teenage boys and although I understand the rules, I can't split up my family. I was forced to move into the emergency shelter provided through the Salvation Army, but that was very short lived.*

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Home Horizon helps women and their children re-build their lives after losing their jobs, leaving abuse, or suffering from other trauma. Home Horizon operates 5 transitional housing units in South Georgian Bay, has been in operation since 2006, is working with Young Mothers and providing workshops to this clientele. To date 47 families have used the housing and supportive services that Home Horizon provides.

For more information or to help in any way, contact **Doris Sensenberger**, Executive Director at 705-445-5478. [www.homehorizon.ca](http://www.homehorizon.ca).



## Elizabeth Fry Society and the Grocery Assistance Program - Barrie

Sarah didn't know where to turn. She was 68 years old, had built a life and home for herself despite enduring years of abuse at the hands of her partner. It all came to a head one day when a domestic situation occurred with her partner. Sarah, who had never been in conflict with the law before, found herself charged and unable, due to court order, to return to her home. She was terrified and now homeless but was referred to the Elizabeth Fry Society shelter for homeless women.

Louise was only a child when the sexual abuse started at the family home. No-one stood up for her and no parent protected her. She couldn't take it anymore and at age 16 left home without any support system in the community. After two years of living on the streets and in shelters she found herself struggling with suicidal ideation, flashbacks, and the years of sexual abuse. She resorted to cutting, drinking, and using drugs to dull the pain of abuse. Louise found her way to **Joyce Kope House**, Elizabeth Fry Society's 27 bed shelter for homeless women.

Clare arrived at the shelter after three days of detoxifying at the local withdrawal centre. She looked haggard and a lot older than her 25 years, after being addicted to crack cocaine for the past 6 years and living in rooming houses and shelter since age 18. She knew it was time for treatment after the numerous episodes of blackouts and overdoses. She stayed at the Elizabeth Fry Society for 3 months until she was admitted to a treatment centre.

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The Elizabeth Fry Society of Simcoe County has 22 programs and services to assist those in conflict with the law and those at risk including the homeless. One of the agency's programs is Joyce Kope House a 27-bed safe shelter for women over

the age of 18. Food, clothing, laundry, shelter and access to all programs are provided. Stays range from 30-45 days and are paid for through the **Ontario Works** hostel program.

While living at the shelter clients are expected to be involved in a rotation of chores, attend once a week resident meetings and work with their residential worker on a plan of care for

their stay. They must be returning or going to school, be seeking treatment opportunities, working or seeking employment, under the care of a doctor or addressing their particular issues.

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Simcoe County also operates Barrie's second food bank called the **Grocery Assistance Program (GAP)**. Started over 6 years ago to meet the needs of local social service agency clients who were unable to access food any other way, the numbers have risen from 1,497 in the first year to over 15,000 in 2010. Clients are able to access food any day of the week and on weekends and evening on agreement

To minimize on duplication, the **Ontario Association of Food Banks** only allows one food bank per community. As a result GAP does not receive any of the free food or funding that is provided provincially for food banks and we must rely on donations of food and money to feed the hundreds of families that use GAP. No-one is turned away and all participants are given emergency bags if this is their first time walking through GAP's doors. Ongoing support with food and financial support is always welcome for the Grocery Assistance Program.

To access any Elizabeth Fry Society program or service, call 705-725-0613 and listen to the message or web site [www.elizabethfrysociety.com](http://www.elizabethfrysociety.com)





## Couchiching Jubilee House - Orillia

The following is an excerpt from a past resident who spoke at the Couchiching Jubilee House 2010 AGM. This 58 year old woman had lost her home, her job, her family and her sense of worth.

*“My story begins in complete hopelessness and despair. Today, I speak in the present tense because I view myself as growing, evolving and beginning anew. Just as the seeds in your garden are bursting through the soil, making their grand entrance into the world, so too am I, and thanks to Jubilee House, my story did not come to an end.*

*When I look back on the events that brought me to Jubilee House, it is like picturing myself in a water colour painting, - standing in the rain. The painting becomes very blurry. You see – I was in a state of complete emotional, physical and mental “shutdown”. Outwardly, I seemed together. But on the inside, I was in great pain. I could no longer keep my beloved home that I had intended for my retirement. My chronic physical illness deteriorated once again out of remission. And severe depression and acute anxiety became my blurry reality. All these losses caused me to spiral – spiral – down into a dark and frozen place. In my brokenness, I was no longer able to care for myself.*

*I could not have anticipated the losses in my life and I could never have imagined that I would be homeless. Jubilee House is much more than a roof, much more than bricks and mortar, I was provided a safe haven to gather myself to rediscovery, insight and appreciation of the ‘new me’.*

The above woman lived at CJH for a full year and with support was able to receive long term disability and qualified for subsidized housing. She is currently working on a research project and continues to keep in touch with our program.

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Couchiching Jubilee House is a community based program in Orillia that empowers vulnerable women to improve their quality of life through a program of individualized support and transitional housing. By December 2010, CJH had been “home” to 59 women and 65 children. We live in difficult times and the stress on some families is unimaginable... homeless, near homeless, teen moms, broken relationships, broken hearts.

The following statistics reflect the stories of our women’s lives:

- 100% homeless, near homeless or living in unsafe living conditions
- 60% experienced abuse
- 37% teen moms
- 36% struggle with learning disabilities
- 27% suffer from mental health challenges
- 20% suffered the death of a parent

Their successes are the result of a dedicated staff and volunteer team from within the program in cooperation with a very caring surrounding community that generously shares goods, knowledge and financial resources.

As we enter a new year, our sites are set on a “new home” by September 2011. The Couchiching Jubilee House “**Changing Lives Building Futures**” campaign is underway. The goal is to raise \$500,000 to purchase a permanent home for CJH’s transitional house. Our families and community supporters embrace the opening of a new location for our Jubilee House.

For more information contact **Charlene Taylor**, Executive Director 705-326-4337



## Orillia Housing Resource Centre

"Sheila" came into our office with 2 small children. She was not working and had left her husband. There were ongoing problems in the marriage. She did not fall under the mandate of the local women's abuse shelter. There were no other shelters available to her. She was out of options. She was staying with a family member in a small 2 bedroom apartment. Their space was cramped and it was causing conflict. She had been looking for 3 weeks but most apartments were far above what she could afford and the ones she could afford did not want to rent to her because she had 2 small children.

Stories like "Sheila's" are common place at the Orillia Housing Resource Centre (OHRC). This year alone, the Housing Resource Centre saw more than 118 women, many facing similar circumstances to "Sheila".

"Our primary goal when we meet a new client is to figure out how we can best help", says **Nadine Ritchie**, the OHRC's Program Co-ordinator. "Sometimes we work with them to meet with the landlord to provide extra time to pay the rent or we will help them find housing that is available in Orillia that they can hopefully afford".

With long wait lists for rent geared to income units and the lack of affordable housing in Orillia for women with children on Ontario Works is a major barrier for the OHRC as they work with women that have often just left a partner. "Two bedroom apartments in Orillia are upwards of \$900" says Ritchie.

"The maximum shelter component for OW's with two kids is \$654, how can these women possibly afford the high rents plus come up with first and last month's rent and feed their children?"

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The OHRC works with approximately 1,200 families each year. "We work with people who may not be capable of navigating the supports that are out there in our community. Women are often frightened and confused by their present circumstances so we will provide them information and hands on support to meet their basic needs. The information can range from legal advice to location of local food banks. We can assist with temporary

emergency shelter to get these women and children off the streets and into a safer environment while we help them search for suitable accommodations. We can assist with emergency funds such as the **Rent Bank**, **Energy Fund**, and **Winter Warmth** etc. to ensure their children stay housed and stay warm.

The Orillia Housing Resource Centre is one of five housing support services located throughout Simcoe County.

For more info visit The Orillia Housing Resource Centre, 33 Mississauga Street E. Orillia L3V 1V4 - 705-325-3883. [www.housinginfo.ca/orillia-housing-resource-centre](http://www.housinginfo.ca/orillia-housing-resource-centre)



## In Focus - Seeking Shelter – Rogers Television

In 2010, Rogers television community producer **Steve McEown** undertook a video project to look at the situation of homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless.

The video profiles the lives of six Simcoe County residents who are living on the poverty line. They are the working poor, the hidden homeless; just one pay cheque away from utilizing an emergency shelter or worse, life on the streets.



They openly share their individual experiences. You will hear firsthand how it feels to be down and out, the stress, the loneliness and the despair. Their stories will move you. You will also be moved by those from our community who are offering a hand up. Support for those less fortunate, those members of our communities who find themselves, **Seeking Shelter**.

The Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness would encourage every person in Simcoe County watch this video on television or online at [www.rogerstv.com](http://www.rogerstv.com).

## Barrie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation - Barrie

A home is more than a roof over one's head. It is also a place where the resident can feel safe and secure and have a little privacy and control over their living spaces. Barrie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation provides a place to call home to many people and especially to women who are establishing a home after a traumatic life event for themselves and their children. Many women are leaving a women's shelter and they require an affordable place to allow them to get their children back into school, and their own lives reorganized and stabilized. Housing is also provided to grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren in order to help stabilize their lives and to provide a safe loving home with family.

Barrie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation is a non-profit housing provider in the City of Barrie, Ontario. The portfolio has a total of 953 apartments and town houses located at 14 different locations across the city. Approximately 60% of these rental units are for people who qualify for a rent geared to income subsidy. This is applied for through the **Social Housing Department** at the County of Simcoe.

Working in partnership with many community agencies, information to assist women is offered to help them make the best choices for themselves and their children. A secure and affordable home is the start, and then information about everything from health and dental programs, to recreation subsidies for children and youth, to the availability of counseling, food banks and utility and rent funds is offered. On site programs include playgroups, after school mentoring programs, community gardens, seasonal celebrations like family Christmas parties, lending libraries, and a variety of interest groups coordinated by residents.

Affordable housing is often a key pivot point in people's lives when they want to set up their own independent and safe haven. Non-profit housing provides apartments and town houses to an eclectic mix of women, couples and singles so there is a mix of skills and abilities in each neighbourhood and people can choose their own on site programs as well as any programs in the city that work for them as they develop their own path through life.



## Georgian Triangle Housing Resource Centre



At age 73, Mary has been a widow for the last 10 years. With an income of \$1,350 from Old Age pension and Canada Pension and rent of \$850 she struggles every month to have enough money to pay the rest of her expenses. The limited savings she had are long gone as a result of trying to support a daughter who so often came to her in financial crisis. Now that Mary no longer has sufficient resources to assist her daughter she no longer sees her.

Now, she must look for a new place to live that is accessible due to mobility problems. She is on the list for knee replacement surgery and her current apartment is a walk up second story apartment. She has fallen several times and her landlady was now anxious to have her move as she doesn't want the responsibility of an aging senior.

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The **Housing Resource Centre** assisted her in locating a new apartment that is \$800 inclusive and fully accessible. With her limited resources HRC contacted a local faith group to assist with the cost of the move. The HRC worker helped her pack and volunteers from a faith group helped her unpack. She has now a friend close by to assist her with shopping and a homecare worker until she has her surgery. As well the Housing Resource Centre arranged for her to apply for a \$200 a month rent subsidy in order to allow her to live more comfortably.

For more information visit the Georgian Triangle Housing Resource Centre, 115 Hurontario St., Suite 203, Collingwood 705-445-0643 [www.housinginfo.ca](http://www.housinginfo.ca)



# SCATEH

## The Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness

Established in 1998, the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness is a consortium of public, private and non profit organizations and individuals that are committed to addressing through planning, coordination and advocacy of the complex issues surrounding homelessness in Simcoe County. We represent more than 70 community stakeholders representing more than 500 front line workers who are committed to working collaboratively to develop and implement strategies that will eliminate homelessness in Simcoe County.

### What Can You Do to Help?

Support generously those agencies in your community that are working front line to help the homeless and the needy to improve their daily quality of life.

### Be Part of the Solution to End Homelessness

The Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness  
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[www.endhomelessness.ca](http://www.endhomelessness.ca)

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