

MAY 2024

Asian Heritage Month

May 1 – May Day
May 5 – National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (Red Dress Day)
May 12 – Mother’s Day
May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
May 19 – Pentecost (Christian)
May 20 – Victoria Day
May 21 – World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (UN)
May 23 – Declaration of the Bab (Baha’i); Visakha Puja – Buddha Day (Buddhism)
May 29 – Ascension of Baha’u’llah (Baha’i)

MAY 2024

Creating lasting change, one family at a time

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN



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See more inside.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

April was **Volunteer Appreciation Month** in Canada.

HSH joined the community in thanking all those who give their time, talent and expertise all year. We couldn’t do what we do without their assistance. Find out how you can get involved: email volunteers@homesuitehope.org

See more inside.



PARTICIPANT UPDATE

Happy
Birthday!



SPECIAL CONNECTIONS

Home Suite Hope has reason to celebrate as a new partnership helps recognize our participants' birthdays. **Cakes2Connect** provides HSH participants with a cake for their birthday! Cakes2Connect offers lots of options when it comes to cake flavours (chocolate cake choco icing sound delicious?)

Cakes2Connect is an Oakville-based nonprofit venture that provides homemade birthday cakes to women who deserve to be celebrated on their special day! Our participants enjoy being part of a great team and it's special for them to receive a homemade cake for their special day.

Everyone at HSH is excited to participate in this amazing new partnership!



HSH AT TRUDEAU VISIT

PUBLIC LANDS FOR HOUSING



HSH Executive Director Sara Cumming was at Halton Regional Centre in Oakville April 24 to meet Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada Sean Fraser, Treasury Board President and Oakville MP Anita Anand, Milton MP Adam VanKoeverden and Burlington MP Karina Gould as the PM highlighted new measures included in Budget 2024 and Canada's Housing Plan to build more affordable homes on public lands.

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PUBLIC LANDS FOR HOUSING



"Governments across Canada are sitting on surplus, underused, and vacant public lands, like empty office towers or low-rise buildings that could be built on. By unlocking more public lands for housing, we can lower the costs of construction and build more homes, faster, at prices Canadians can afford. Canada's Housing Plan lays out a strategy to unlock 3.87 million new homes across Canada by 2031, including 250,000 homes through a new Public Lands for Homes Plan," stated the event release.

As local and Halton Region officials hash out the details of what that could mean in Halton, affordable housing is welcome in Halton – home to some of the highest housing costs in all of Canada.



For full details see the [news conference press release](https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2024/04/24/building-homes-public-lands) from the PM: <https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2024/04/24/building-homes-public-lands>

For local news coverage of the event, visit:

[InsideHalton](https://www.insidehalton.com/news/what-was-prime-minister-justin-trudeau-doing-in-oakville-april-24/article_bc6c1db0-0475-5d50-bc73-96f453bb31ae.html) at: https://www.insidehalton.com/news/what-was-prime-minister-justin-trudeau-doing-in-oakville-april-24/article_bc6c1db0-0475-5d50-bc73-96f453bb31ae.html

[Burlington Today](https://www.burlingtontoday.com/local-news/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-in-oakville-wednesday-8645257#google_vignette) at: https://www.burlingtontoday.com/local-news/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-in-oakville-wednesday-8645257#google_vignette

HSH PARTICIPANTS BATTLE POVERTY - AND STIGMA

Dear HSH Community,

Over the past five months, we've diligently worked on negotiating long-term rentals across the region priced at \$2200 or below per month.

Our approach involves offering landlords the assurance that Home Suite Hope will act as the lease guarantor, ensuring full monthly payments. This arrangement eliminates the risk of payment default for the building owner, as we pay the landlord directly and take responsibility for rent collection from the tenants.

Our participants are held to a high standard through a participation agreement, requiring compliance with program requirements to maintain their housing. These requirements include passing a thorough four-step application and interview process, abstaining from active addictions, lacking any serious mental health conditions, having no ongoing court cases, and must not have a criminal conviction before or during programming. Additionally, participants are limited to a maximum of three children under 18.

These single mothers are committed to improving their financial situations and actively seek out programs like ours.

Despite offering what should be an ideal rental scenario for landlords with lower-priced units, we've encountered persistent stigma. Unfounded assumptions about the demographics of our program participants have led to repeated denials from landlords who seek "different types of clients."

We urgently seek assistance from anyone connected with apartment owners, whether in large buildings or with in-law suites, to advocate for our participants. Together, we can challenge and dismantle this damaging stigma, opening up opportunities for those striving to better their lives.

Sara Cumming, Executive Director, Home Suite Hope

***From stability to prosperity: Home Suite Hope is your partner
in breaking the cycle of poverty.***



FUNDING NEWS

UNITED WAY THREE-YEAR GRANT



**United Way
Halton & Hamilton**

HSH is pleased to announce it is now a United Way Supported Agency.

The **United Way Halton & Hamilton** recently announced it is funding Home Suite Hope's Homeward Bound Halton program through its Feed Grant on a multi-year cycle.

SHS was approved for \$75,000 for three years.

Homeward Bound Halton is SHS's success story – the program assists many single parents journey from homelessness or precarious housing, through support and education across a four-year time frame, to employment and stability for their children.

SHS is grateful to the UWHH for its support.

Together, we can transform patterns of poverty into legacies of empowered prosperity.

**HOME SUITE
HOPE**

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**United Way
Halton & Hamilton**

HSH: MEDIA EVENT

HSH THANKS THE OTF



\$58,800 ONTARIO GOVERNMENT DRIVES EXPANDED HOME SUITE HOPE (HSH) SERVICES TO SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES

Oakville, ON – On Monday, **Oakville MPP Stephen Crawford** met with the Home Suite Hope (HSH) team to learn more about the \$58,800 Capital grant from the Ontario provincial government's **Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF)** used to purchase a new truck that is now driving HSH's expanded reach for single parent families in Halton.

"Through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Grant, our government continues to make investments to help support important Oakville organizations like Home Suite Hope (HSH)," said Stephen Crawford, MPP for Oakville. "It gives me great pleasure to know that the \$58.8K Capital Grant helped HSH to purchase a pickup truck allowing them to expand their reach to more single parent families and offer a significant helping hand to those in need," said the MPP.

The OTF grant funded the purchase of a pickup truck that is already enhancing program and service capacity and delivery across Halton Region to the homeless single parent-led families HSH serves. The truck provides a reliable and cost-effective way to accept donated furniture and housewares, move materials for community and program events, pick up and deliver fresh produce from the community garden, transport clients more efficiently to appointments and events and more! This supports each family in making their house a home and engages families, donors, and other community supporters in a meaningful way.

"For many years our community have been looking for ways to help our new family participants set up their new homes but the lack of vehicle has continuously been a barrier. Our participants have lost out on access to both furniture and food donations, and we have incurred high costs for truck rentals. We are just ecstatic to be able to bring more supports to our families and to divert more furniture away from landfills.", says Executive Director, Sara Cumming.

HSH SECURES OTF GRANT

HSH programs encourage and support parents and their children on the journey from poverty to stability. The families come into the program, typically from local shelters or the Halton Region's by-name homelessness list, with very little in their possession, looking for a safe and secure place to call home. HSH supports and addresses the community and individual families' needs by locating and securing apartments in the community, subsidizing a portion of the rent directly to the landlord, and helping to furnish their new home. Local



not-for-profit, Safety Net, provides access to some furniture and HSH's large and generous donor base increasingly want to support these families through significant donations of furniture and household items. Unfortunately, HSH had faced challenges in accepting these kind donations as neither the families nor HSH have access to a truck to accept and move the furniture.

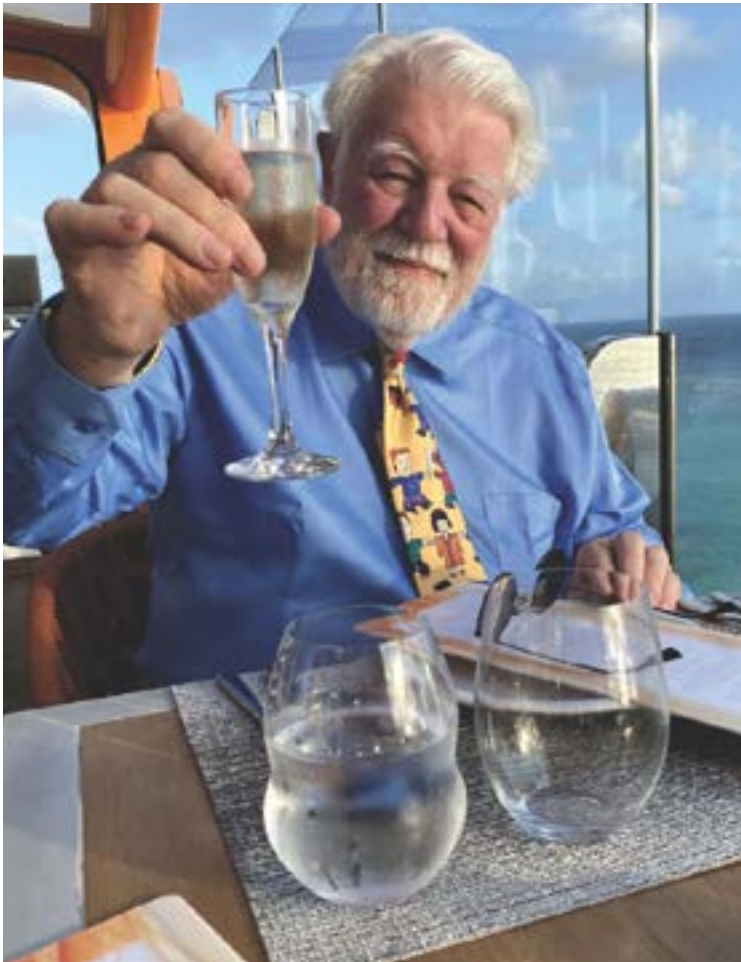
Now, as a successful OTF Capital grant recipient, HSH purchased a truck and has begun accepting and transporting donations. You can now see the HSH truck in the community and it's not hard to miss, as Wrapt Graphics wrapped the pickup truck with HSH's logo, contact information and HSH's tagline – "Empowering Single Parent Families" – to help spread awareness about the organization around the community. HSH is extremely grateful for this opportunity thanks to the OTF Capital Grant and looks forward to continuing to serve and empower the single parent families in the Halton Region. Visit HomeSuiteHope.org to learn more.

"Non-profit organizations across Ontario deliver programming that makes a difference," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "That's why funding that my ministry is providing through the OTF is so important. Our government wants to ensure that these programs and spaces remain the heart of communities across our province."

The OTF is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested more than \$110M into 1,044 community projects and multi-sector partnerships.

Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit otf.ca.

IN THE COMMUNITY



REMEMBERING BOB FLECK

Goodbye Mr. Robert Iain Fleck

It was with great sadness that I received the news of Bob's passing from his lovely wife Shelagh.

Those of you who know the story of how I became the Executive Director of Home Suite Hope know that I had trained as an academic and never imagined taking on any role outside of the post-secondary sector. It was with much angst that I took on this role and began the (now six-year) process of engaging with the community that surrounds the organization.

I first met Bob in 2018 when we were attempting to bring more awareness to the

organization and our mission. Fleck Productions came to us with the idea of producing videos from the perspectives of our participants. At the time, Bob and I had several meetings about how his creative vision could meet the needs of HSH. It was during this time that my great fondness for Mr. Fleck began and our first of many collaborations was born, [Home Suite Hope Journey](#).

Over the next six years Bob became one of my biggest supporters. He took an avid interest in not just my role at HSH, but also my academic endeavours. He checked in on me regularly, congratulating me on my work in Africa and my book publications and he always remembered to ask about my four daughters and two dogs. He teased me relentlessly for my love of the exclamation mark in an email and I believe got a little chuckle out of my smart mouth and quick-witted humour. In return, he boasted about his amazing wife and two daughters, sent me pictures of his pup, and spoke in complete admiration and pride of his 'older brother.'

Bob continued to reach out to see what he could do for HSH and was always coming up with new video project ideas: [About Home Suite Hope](#), [Why Invest in Home Suite Hope](#), [Our Supporters](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY

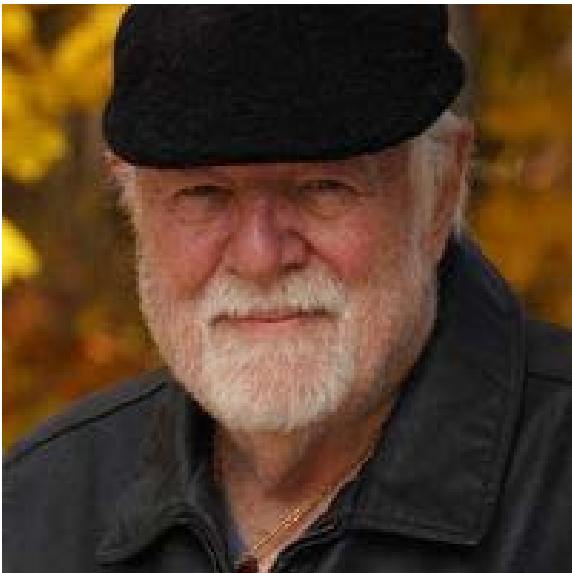
BOB FLECK WAS A FRIEND TO HSH

Bob loved to follow the trajectories of our participants and took a real interest in their successes. He spent time this past year capturing the experiences of our participants with our rental supports as part of our Affordable Housing Campaign and even flew to Prince Edward Island to catch up with one of our first graduates. Home Suite Hope and our participants were so lucky to have his support and advocacy over the years.

The very last conversation I had with Bob, he told me what a good job I was doing and how much he admired the work that I do. I was so touched and appreciative.

I only knew Bob through my role at Home Suite Hope, but I certainly feel as though I have lost a member of my own family. Bob will be sorely missed by all of us. Much love and respect Mr. Fleck!!!!!!

Sassy Sara



Home Suite Hope shares the profound sadness of the family of **Robert Iain Fleck** as they mourn his death on April 2, 2024. Our thoughts and hearts are with Bob's wife of 46 years Shelagh, his daughters Paula and Bea, and his brothers Jim and John and their spouses and families.

Born in Montreal in 1936, Bob had a 64-year creative career that included advertising, television producing and directing and corporate communications. Besides producing more than 1,000 national commercials in Canada and the U.S., Bob also worked with charities of every kind supported by his brother Jim and the Fleck Family Foundation, with well over 200 promotional videos – including those he made with Home Suite Hope.

A celebration of life to honour Bob will be planned for late spring when the flowers bloom, his favourite time of year. Details will be announced.

In Bob's memory, his family notes that a donation to a not-for-profit charity or animal welfare/rescue shelter would underline both the desire he had for helping people and the boundless love he had for animals.

HSH BULLETIN



CALLING ON LANDLORDS

Home Suite Hope is looking to partner with **local landlords** – buildings or garden suites - to be the lessee on a long-term rental agreement to house single parent families in its four-year housing/educational/employment Homeward Bound Halton program.

To explore this further, please contact **HSH Executive Director Sara Cumming** at sarac@homesuitehope.org.



SEEKING LUXE DONATIONS!

Donations of new luxury accessories, experiences, and items are sought for an upcoming Bingo fundraising event (items such as purses, wallets, jewelry, luggage, housewares). Items must be new, with proof of purchase receipt. In-kind donations are eligible for a full tax receipt.

If you are interested in donating, please contact KatelynZ@HomeSuiteHope.org



Happy Birthday, Sara!

Home Suite Hope wishes the team's Executive Director Sara Cumming a Happy 49th Birthday May 8!

Please find out more about HSH, its 20th anniversary and how you can get involved through [**Ways of Giving 2024**](#)

**VOLUNTEER
WITH HSH!**

*Interested in hosting or organizing
your own third-party event or
initiative*

in support of HSH?

We'd love to take part.

Please contact Katelyn

*at KatelynZ@HomeSuiteHope.org
to get involved!*

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

On Wednesday, April 24 at the Art Gallery of Burlington long-time **Home Suite Hope** volunteer **Cindy Perras** was recognized at Burlington MP **Karina Gould's 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Awards**.

HSH nominated Cindy for her volunteer work on the Empty Bowls organizing committee. HSH Case Worker Haley Weber and Marketing & Events Coordinator Katelyn Zaoral attended.

A long-time Oakville resident, Cindy first attended HSH's signature fundraiser as a guest. Upon learning how HSH helps change the trajectory of single parents' lives and those of their children, away from poverty, Cindy decided to get more involved as a volunteer.

Helping those in need in the community and organizing special events are the significant talents Cindy has invested in HSH and Empty Bowls – and HSH is so grateful for her contributions.

With a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education and Master of Education, Cindy's professional career has included being an independent event planner and special education consultant, special education teacher/consultant/co-ordinator and working from British Columbia to the Peel District School Board and the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario.

Cindy moved to Oakville in 1966 and she and her husband Bill (a lawyer who was both a former Oakville mayor and HSH Board Member), are parents and grandparents and also stalwart supporters of the Oakville community. Since 1982, Cindy has supported many charitable organizations and associations as a volunteer, as an event organizer and/or as an attendee, and by serving on several Boards of Directors. Cindy's efforts have touched many organizations including: Big Sisters of Halton; Oakville Red Cross; Black Tie & Golf Shoes; Community Living Oakville; International Women's Day events; the Kidney Foundation; Multiple Sclerosis Society; Canadian Cancer Society; municipal, provincial and federal elections; the Ontario Council for Exceptional Children - and Home Suite Hope.

KARINA GOULD'S

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS 2024



THANK YOU TO HSH'S
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VOLUNTEER CINDY PERRAS

HOME SUITE
HOPE

A 'SOUPER' VOLUNTEER

As Bill served on the HSH Board of Directors for several years, the couple participated in HSH's fundraising endeavors and Cindy said she particularly enjoyed Empty Bowls. She remains involved.

"I loved the concept of bringing our community together to support Home Suite Hope in such an innovative way, replicating a communal soup kitchen, by involving restaurants in Halton to provide soup, residents of Halton to create unique soup bowls and to attend the event, and inviting corporate sponsorship," said Cindy.

By the fall of 2018, Cindy dug in even more to help behind the scenes in organizing the Empty Bowls events. At that time Cindy attended a breakfast meeting for women at The Oakville Club, organized by Home Suite Hope.

At the meeting, Cindy heard Britta Martini-Miles (then HSH President and CEO) describe the important work of HSH, listened as Sara Cumming, current Executive Director of Home Suite Hope, shared her personal story which reinforced the work of HSH, and was so inspired that she joined the Empty Bowls planning committee.

"I believe that we all have a duty to support and give back and that collectively, we can make a difference in the lives of so many, on so many levels, through volunteerism," said Cindy.

And why HSH?

"Quite simply, I firmly believe in the mission of Home Suite Hope, 'to unite a network of vital support services for our families on their journey from poverty to stability' and I am very proud to be involved," said Cindy.



OAKVILLE-TRAFALGAR ROTARY GIVES FOR GROCERY GIFT CARDS

SERVICE CLUB HELPS HSH DELIVER GROCERIES



Home Suite Hope is grateful to the **Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar, District 7080**, for its generous donation toward the purchase of grocery gift cards for our participants. Ken Auden dropped off the donation to HSH Executive Director Sara Cumming (centre) and Director of Operations Catherine Villasenor.

Groceries and gas are the most sought-after and expensive items HSH single parents face when budgeting for their families.

HSH provides gift cards – donated through our community supporters – to help ease these financial challenges for our participants.

If you would like to support this – one of the wraparound supporters HSH provides to its participants – please visit our page on [CanadaHelps](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/home-suite-hope-shared-living-corp/) at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/home-suite-hope-shared-living-corp/>. Donations can be earmarked for gift cards.



SPRING CLEAN BENEFITS HSH

HSH is hosting a **Spring Clean Up Donation Drive** to collect donations of used clothing, shoes, books, children's toys, household linens and household decor.

As you are spring cleaning, think of donating items to HSH. We have extended our original **deadline to donate to June 14**. All donations will be collected and brought to a local Value Village to be weighed. All proceeds from the sale of the items will directly support HSH's wraparound supports for single-parent families.



HSH will be paid the following for the items we collect:

Clothing: 20 cents per pound; Small housewares: 10 cents per pound; Books: 10 cents per pound; Furniture: 5 cents per item; Other large items: 5 cents per item

Please box (household items) or bag (soft items) your donations, and email KatelynZ@HomeSuiteHope.org to schedule a time to drop off your donations. Let's rally together to help us reach our goal of raising \$3,000 for Home Suite Hope. That's about 750 Large Yard Bags (avg. 20 lbs.) and 225 medium boxes (household goods)! Let's do this Halton!

Contact KatelynZ@homesuitehope.org



THANKS U-HAUL

Thank you to **U-Haul Moving & Storage of Oakville** for their generous contribution of a storage unit for our donation drive!

We are immensely grateful for their support in helping us make a difference in our community. Thanks to their support, all donations will be stored in their easily accessible, climate controlled, spacious units!

HSH SPRING CLEANS WITH DONORS!



Home Suite Hope is heading to **Value Village** with donated Spring Clean items to raise funds for its programs. The Spring Cleanup Fundraiser is being extended until June 14, so donations are still welcome!

A couple of special thank-yous go out to the congregation at St. Jude's Anglican Church, whose members donated the remains of the downtown Oakville church's recent rummage sale. HSH Marketing & Events Coordinator Katelyn Zaoral rounded up her boyfriend Jake to load up the items in HSH's new truck for storage until weigh-in day.

Thank you St. Jude's and Jake!



STAFF NEWS: SARA'S BLOG SERIES

EMPOWERING CHANGE: EXPLORING SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL IMPACT AT HOME SUITE HOPE



Welcome to our **four-part blog series - Empowering Change: Exploring Sustainability and Social Impact at Home Suite Hope - brought to you by Executive Director, Dr. Sara Cumming.** As our organization navigates through the ever-evolving challenges of funding, Dr. Cumming aims to address the queries surrounding our surplus and fundraising endeavors. Join us as we delve into the intricacies of Home Suite Hope's financial position, exploring the factors influencing our grant applications and donation drives amidst increasing reserves. Through this series, we endeavor to uphold transparency and offer insights into the financial dynamics shaping our mission.

In this four-part blog series, HSH Executive Director Dr. Sara Cumming sheds light on HSH's financial landscape.

In the **first** blog post, [Surplus for Sustainability: The Profit Paradox in Not-for-profits](https://www.homesuitehope.org/post/surplus-for-sustainability-the-profit-paradox-in-non-profits), (https://www.homesuitehope.org/post/surplus-for-sustainability-the-profit-paradox-in-non-profits), our ED discussed the importance of long-term financial planning to ensure we can provide our participants full wrap-around supports throughout the four years of their programming.

In the **second** blog, [Breaking the Cycle: The Long-Term Cost Savings of Supporting Single-Parent Families](https://www.homesuitehope.org/post/breaking-the-cycle-the-long-term-cost-savings-of-supporting-single-parent-families), (https://www.homesuitehope.org/post/breaking-the-cycle-the-long-term-cost-savings-of-supporting-single-parent-families) we discussed the full costs and supports of the four-year Homeward Bound Halton program.

In the **third** post, [Navigating the Complexities of Not-for-Profit Salaries and Mission Fulfillment](#), Sara dispelled the misconception that staff costs are outgrowing programming costs and discussed the costs of running our programming with an emphasis on the long-term savings to the community and government.

In the **fourth** and final blog post, [Navigating Financial Waters: A Closer Look at Home Suite Hope's Finances](#), we provide complete transparency about Home Suite Hope's assets.

Visit [HomeSuiteHope.org](https://www.homesuitehope.org) to read the full series or click the links above.

THE SERIES' FINAL BLOG POST

NAVIGATING FINANCIAL WATERS: A CLOSER LOOK AT HOME SUITE HOPE'S FINANCES

In the final blog post of the series, we provide complete transparency about Home Suite Hope's assets.

In the realm of non-profit organizations, financial transparency is paramount. Every grant application, whether from government agencies, foundations, corporations, or service clubs, necessitates a pre-view into the audited statements of the organization. These statements serve as a testament to fiscal responsibility and financial health. However, beyond the surface-level numbers lie intricate stories of strategic investments and prudent decision-making.



Home Suite Hope's audited statements not only showcase its fiscal soundness but also reveal the diverse array of assets, including physical property, cash, and investments. One notable addition to our physical assets beyond our IT is a 2023 Ford Maverick, acquired through a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to enhance service delivery.

As of April 2024, Home Suite Hope boasts approximately \$1,036,000 in liquid assets, with an anticipated budget close to \$1,000,000 for the year. While a significant portion of the budget is secured through external agencies and reserves, a deficit of \$515,000 necessitates fundraising efforts to bridge the gap. Despite the apparent surplus in liquid assets, prudent financial planning dictates maintaining a three-month cash reserve, amounting to approximately \$200,000.

Home Suite Hope's commitment to expanding its services, such as supporting young single mothers and providing trade education programs, has attracted targeted donations. The organization has judiciously invested these funds, primarily in Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs), to ensure sustained support for its initiatives. Notably, a portion of these investments will be reallocated to supplement the budget for the current fiscal year, emphasizing strategic resource management. In addition, last year we spent the entire year focused on increasing our capacity to offer affordable housing. The money we have accumulated from these efforts has also been invested into GICs.

A core tenet of Home Suite Hope's operations is its policy of providing direct assistance to participants rather than cash handouts. The organization pays landlords directly and has an account at Sheridan College for all of the participants' parking and books. Extra supports are given in the form of grocery, transportation and clothing gift cards. We have found over the last three years that we need a minimum of \$10,000 of these supports annually and at times (during the pandemic and inflation crisis) we have hit closer to \$20,000. These gift cards show up on our statements as cash.



NAVIGATING FINANCIAL WATERS: A CLOSER LOOK AT HOME SUITE HOPE'S FINANCES

One of the most significant investments in Home Suite Hope's portfolio is the Pooled Fund Investments at the Oakville Community Foundation (\$416,000) stemming from proceeds generated by selling an old property. While initially earmarked for housing initiatives, these investments now serve as a crucial resource amidst a worsening housing crisis. With government funding cuts looming and housing costs skyrocketing, the

organization recognizes the imperative of bolstering its reserves to sustain its mission.

To sum this up, we currently have approximately \$200,000 for our three month cash-reserve, \$20,000 in participant supports through gift cards, \$136,000 in deferred revenue, and \$680,000 for housing supports in our reserves. In the face of a national housing crisis, these funds will be critical in supporting the long term housing stability of our participants. The core tenant of Homeward Bound Halton is housing first—our participants must have access to safe, affordable and stable housing for them to do the hard work in all of the other areas of their lives. Without access to housing the entire program is jeopardy.

Our financial strategy exemplifies a delicate balance between fiscal responsibility and social impact. By meticulously managing assets, investing strategically, and prioritizing the needs of our participants, the organization has navigated challenges with resilience and foresight. As we confront the evolving landscape of social services cuts at a time of high levels of unaffordability, we urge funders to recognize the need for surplus for long-term sustainability.

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COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



Investments & Financial Literacy Workshop

Youth-Informed



Join us for an evening of financial empowerment led by Donna McKenzie and Shara Carr from S.O.S. Financial Group!

Home Suite Hope will be hosting an educational and interactive youth-informed workshop focusing on financial planning, how to eliminate debt, skills for saving and starting an investment, as well as the importance of insurance and more!



Friday, May 17th, 2024
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
YMCA of Oakville, 410 Rebecca Street, Oakville, ON, L6K 1K7

Light refreshments will be provided!

Join Us!
To register, please email joveller@homesuitehope.org by May 13th, 2024

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