



DAYBREAK
Rebuilding lives. Inspiring hope.

Dear supporters of Daybreak,

We are very pleased to announce that three of our long-term residents were offered independent units through the Ottawa Housing Registry and moved into their own apartments on May 1st. They have been a great part of our Daybreak Community over the years, and we are sad to see them go, but we wish them the best in this exciting new chapter of their lives.

Unfortunately, we also had two sudden deaths at our houses because of existing medical health issues (not related to COVID-19). They will be sorely missed.

We also had a COVID-19 outbreak at one of our houses, which resulted in a 14-day quarantine for all the residents in the home. Fortunately, all our residents remained cautious and in good spirits during their time in isolation, and none of the other residents tested positive. We are grateful to report that, at the time of writing, we have only had 1 confirmed case and no cases of severe illness. We thank our residents for remaining vigilant, and the City of Ottawa for providing us with necessary supplies to keep residents and staff safe. Many of our residents received their first dose of the vaccine this week!

As you know, Daybreak provides furnished rooms to our new residents. Much of our bedroom furniture is old, worn out beyond repair, and in need of replacement. Over the past year, we decided to begin replacing these pieces with new furniture as our residents move on to new living situations. Our Property Manager, Brodie, has been busy replacing bed frames, ceiling fans, dressers, and night tables so that our new residents have fresh, clean rooms. With higher-than-average turnover rates, this has been a challenge from a time and cost perspective, but staff remain committed to ensuring every new resident has a great first impression of their new home.

Many of our residents come to us without many personal belongings. We have also recently started providing new bedding, pillows, towels, and toiletries to all our residents wherever possible. These simple needs add up to a large expense for residents on a fixed income, and we believe providing them makes a big difference in making a new house feel like home. With more resident turnover, the costs have added up quickly for Daybreak, and so we appeal to our greater community to help us in providing these basic needs for our residents. If you are able to assist, please visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/DaybreakHousing/>, or contact me for more ways to give.

As always, we greatly appreciate your interest in Daybreak Housing and your continued support of our residents. If you have any questions about the work that we do, or how you can help, please contact me at Richard@daybreakhousing.org

Thank you.

Richard

Operations Manager



One of our rooms, before and after a move out

2021 has been a busy year so far...

6 residents have moved on to independent living.

2 residents have passed away.

3 residents unfortunately had to be removed from our program.

6 people have moved into their Daybreak home from shelters.

5 people have moved into their Daybreak home from other living situations.

Save the Date

Virtual AGM June 14th – Visit our website to Register

Keep an eye out for a Virtual Wine and Chocolate fundraising event organized by our President, Rob Dekker - Date TBC

From Daybreak Residents, Staff, and Board of Directors

Thank You



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