

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022



Cornerstone
Housing for Women

A Message from Sarah Davis, Executive Director

The summer sun is a welcome reprieve from the difficulties we have endured over the last few years. And as we move into the sunshine, we have a lot to celebrate. Not only have we embarked on a new Strategic Plan, but we are embarking on the on our 5th Supportive Housing Residence, 44 Eccles. We will be housing 46 women and gender-diverse people with moderate-high acuity.

We are re-committing ourselves to being a leader in ending homelessness, and with our newest project, we are moving closer to this goal.

We are so excited to work with the City of Ottawa, and all levels of government to continue to be a community leader to end homelessness.

As we move outdoors, I am looking forward to meeting all of you! We will be hosting a Meet & Greet this coming July 16th. I look forward to moving out from behind the screen and celebrating all Cornerstone has overcome and beyond.

Sarah Davis, Executive Director



SAVE THE DATE



Meet & Greet

with Executive Director
Sarah Davis

Outdoors and in-person
July 16, 2022
2pm - 4pm

**Location to be revealed soon,
stay tuned!**

Eccles Announcement

Cornerstone is thrilled to announce that we have acquired our fifth supportive housing residence for women and gender-diverse people over the age of 18 in Ottawa.

We have purchased 44 Eccles, which will become a new home for 46 women and gender-diverse people facing the challenge of homelessness in our community.

Our purchase of 44 Eccles has been made possible through funding from the Rapid Housing Initiative-2 Stream (RHI) provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and we will be receiving funding from the Provincial Government and The City. This funding allows us to renovate 44 Eccles Street and enable us to welcome the first residents by the end of 2023.

We are grateful for this funding, for our partners, and for your support to make 44 Eccles a place to call home for 46 women and gender-diverse people in Ottawa. We are especially thankful to all of our neighbours, businesses, and community members that have stood with us through the challenging times of the pandemic.

We look forward to keeping you up to date on our progress of the renovations!



In The Community



Boutique Cornerstone

Last month, incredible community supporters Anna, Katie, and Andrea held another successful Boutique Cornerstone Pop-Up Sale at Thyme and Again and in partnership with Encore Fashions to bring in over \$10,000 for our emergency shelter. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this event a huge success!

Westboro Village: Shop the Village

For three weeks in May, Westboro Village celebrated the shops that make Westboro special, and we got to be a part of it! This was a great opportunity to connect with the Westboro community.



Petro Canada Volunteers at Princeton

The amazing team at Petro Canada volunteered to clean up the yard and put on a BBQ for our Princeton residents. It was amazing to see this team coming together and connecting with residents!

Young Professional Advisory Board Flower to Empower Fundraiser

The Cornerstone YPAB's second annual Flower to Empower fundraiser in partnership with Richmond Nursery was a major success again this year, selling out in less than a week and raising \$2,500 for Cornerstone.



Thank You!

Fiat Farm's Nourish the Hungry Campaign

Fiat Farm's Spring Nourish the Hungry Campaign in support of Cornerstone brought in 335lbs of local and nutritious meat for the women we serve! We are so grateful to them and to all our amazing community members who supported this campaign.



International Women's Golf Day and Emerald Links Golf & Country Club

A big thank you to Emerald Links Golf & Country Club who held a tournament in support of Cornerstone for International Women's Golf Day!

Makers House #CraftChange Program

Makers House in Hintonburg ran their #CraftChange program in support of Cornerstone for the month of March, donating 2% of their sales for a total donation of \$1,724!



St. Francis Xavier High School Easter Fundraiser

Students from St. Francis Xavier High School held an Easter telegram fundraiser in support of Cornerstone and brought in over \$250. Thank you to Katie, Lauren, and Evan for your work on this fundraiser!

Activities Back in Action

Programming



The past two years have been extremely difficult for many of us, with high COVID levels in our city requiring us to isolate and be apart from one another. But we are excited to share that **many of the programs and activities at our shelter and supportive housing residences are now back in person** allowing us to once again gather as a community!

The return of programming such as bingo, crafts, movie nights, and more signal a sense of normalcy coming back to Cornerstone. These activities give an opportunity for staff and residents to spend time together, share, laugh, and connect as one community.

Events



In-person events have been returning to Cornerstone over the spring, including our first and very successful 'Spiritual Wellness Day' on June 2nd, where residents and volunteers enjoyed the opening ceremony with drumming and dances, a spiritual nature walk, meditative art, yoga, and a wonderful BBQ prepared by our kitchen staff.

We are so excited to continue in-person events into the summer with resident BBQs, community events, and more!

Volunteers



We have also started to welcome back more volunteers after having to put so many of our volunteer activities on hold due to the pandemic.

Volunteers have been returning to our housing residences to clean up the gardens, help with events, programming, and at our reception desk." Volunteers are such an integral part of Cornerstone, we would not be able to do the work we do without them. **We are so grateful to have our volunteer community back with us in-person, welcome back!**

Social Justice

Starts With Home

Ottawa's Housing Crisis



19% increase in house prices in 2021

12,000+ households on Social Housing Waitlist

EVERYONE NEEDS A HOME.
Learn more at StartsWithHome.ca

STARTS WITH
HOME

Starts With Home is a non-partisan campaign to mobilize public and political support for affordable housing and ending homelessness in Ottawa in advance of October's city election.

Cornerstone is proud to endorse this campaign, which provides three key messages and six clear actions for the next City Council to follow and build on.

To learn more and endorse the campaign for yourself please visit: www.startswithhome.ca

Pride Month



June is Pride Month! Cornerstone is proud to celebrate and support 2-Spirited, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer members of our community! Our supportive housing residences are celebrating this month through events and programming aimed at bringing together our community and fostering allyship.

Cornerstone is proud to partner with organizations like [Kind Space](#), which provides our shelter and supportive housing residences with accessible resources, events, social, and educational programming to celebrate and support people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions.

Indigenous History Month



June is Indigenous History Month, and also includes **Summer Solstice** and **National Indigenous People's Day!** Throughout this month, and every month, we celebrate and continue to learn about the culture and achievements of Indigenous Peoples across Canada.

We are excited to have our Indigenous Cultural Services Program back in person in partnership with [Minwaashin Lodge](#). We look forward to expanding this programming to other residences to provide culturally competent services to all our residents. At Cornerstone, we are committed to taking action toward healing and supporting Indigenous communities in our programs, services, and supportive housing communities.

Upcoming Events



SUMMER MIXER

IN SUPPORT OF



WHERE: 6-9PM JUNE 22, 2022

WHEN: THE 3 BREWERS, 240 SPARKS ST.

TICKET: \$35

visit cornerstonewomen.ca for details and to purchase your ticket!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!



OTTAWA DRAGON BOAT FOUNDATION

ODBF
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FONDATION DE BATEAU DRAGON D'OTTAWA

June 24 - 26 at Mooney's Bay

Cornerstone is proud to be one of this years recipient charities of the ODBF Pledge Challenge.



PURPLETIE GALA

SAVE THE DATE:
OCTOBER 1, 2022

Support Cornerstone

Summer Needs

Your generosity makes women's lives better! Donations are stored centrally and distributed to all Cornerstone locations, including our Emergency Shelter. We appreciate your support and are very grateful that you have taken the time to donate to us.

Urgent & Quality of Life Needs:

- Fans (new or used)
- Water Bottles
- Towels
- New Bed Sheets and Comforters
- Dinnerware
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Blankets
- New Pots and Pans

Please note: due to limited storage space, we are unable to accept ANY donations of clothing, large appliances or furniture, including beds, or items for children.

Interested in hosting your own fundraiser this summer?

Hosting your own fundraiser is a great way for you to involve your friends, family, neighbours and community in making a difference in the lives of vulnerable women in Ottawa.

For more information please visit:
www.cornerstonewomen.ca/get-involved/host-a-fundraiser/

For questions please contact us at donate@cornerstonewomen.ca or call 613-254-6584 ext. 521.

Interested in learning more about leaving a gift in your will?

We would love to know more about the ways in which we can support you in leaving a gift in your will. Cornerstone has lots of community partners who are experts in the field.

Please fill out [this short survey](#) to help us understand what type of legacy workshop you might be interested in.

For questions please contact Director of Development and Communications at amber.bramer@cornerstonewomen.ca or call 613-254-6584 ext. 503

YES! I would like to support a women move from isolation to hope this Summer!

Yes, I would like to make a one time donation

I am enclosing (please circle one) \$5 \$20 \$45 Other:___

Yes, I would like to make a monthly donation

I am enclosing (please circle one) \$5 \$20 \$45 Other:___

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp. _____ Cardholder Name: _____

In Person or by Mail:

Cornertstone Housing for Women
Attn: Amber Bramer
314 Booth St., Ottawa, ON K1R7K2

Donate Online or by Phone:

Make a secure online or telephone donation by visiting www.cornerstonewomen.ca or calling Michael at 613-254-6584, Ext. 514



Our Charitable Registration Number
83725-8854-RR0001

Do you have social media? Make sure you stay connected with us and follow us:



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@hopecornerstone

Thank You!

