Cornerstone
Housing for Women

An Anglican
Community Ministry

GRATITUDE REPORT

Our impact in 2025

2026

You showed up.

This year, you showed up for women when
it mattered most.

You showed up on the coldest nights.
You showed up when the kitchen needed food.
You showed up when beds needed replacing.
You showed up when healing felt far away.

Because of you, women facing homelessness, trauma,
and poverty did not face it alone.

And this report is our way of saying...

Thank you.

Message from the Executive Director

When I joined Cornerstone as its new Executive Director in June 2025, it was a great honor, and I still feel lucky every day.

Before my first day, I attended the Taste of Ireland Garden Party. The event was packed, and I was blown away by the community of members who showed up for Cornerstone. Since then, at many events, supporters have shared stories of loved ones who accessed our programs and expressed gratitude that we were there when it mattered most. Those stories of courage and resilience stay with me every day. They are the power and the magic of Cornerstone.

Your belief in our mission sustains everything we do. Whether you supported us financially, donated supplies, volunteered your time, attended events, or shared our work with others... every action helps sustain this organization. As I sit in my office to write this, I can hear residents laughing down the hall. It is not lost on me that none of this would be possible without you.

I'm incredibly proud to be part of this powerhouse community that refuses to let women be left behind. I look forward to meeting more of you who put compassion into action. With your support, we will continue making a difference in the lives of this incredible community we serve.

Anne Marie Hopkins
Executive Director

2025

IN NUMBERS

... because you cared.

222,040
Meals served

320
Daily Service Users

5
Housing Residences

1,659
Maintenance problems fixed

149
Volunteers

3,800
Volunteer Hours

559
Individuals Supported at the Shelter

141
Average Number of Days Someone Stayed at the Shelter

FUNDRAISING

You saw the need. You responded.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised $132,534 to replace 82 worn-out bunk beds at our emergency shelter. When these beds broke, we lost shelter spaces for the night. Now, thanks to you, 165 women have a safer, more comfortable place to sleep.

On Giving Tuesday, you helped raise $173,210 to support Cornerstone's daily meal program, providing fresh, nourishing meals across our shelter and supportive housing residences.

With $300,000 in grants from the RONA Foundation, Cornerstone completed vital upgrades across our emergency shelter and supportive housing residences, significantly improving safety, accessibility, and comfort.

IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

You invested in a dream.

Rossana's Story:

It's never too late to fulfill your dreams

After Rossana left high school, she always wanted to return to complete her diploma. She struggled with homelessness and her mental health, before moving into Cornerstone's Princeton supportive housing residence. There, she found support to continue her education and signed up for adult high school. Then, at the age of 65, she walked across the stage to receive her diploma, nearly 50 years later.

Women at Cornerstone can only achieve successes like this thanks to your generosity.

Rossana
Cornerstone Resident

Last year, Cornerstone's **Bursary and Education Program** supported 20 women, with each of them receiving an average of **$780 each** to help cover the cost of tuition, books, and training programs.

If you would like to invest in another woman's dream, you can donate to the bursary program.

Scan here to donate!

BUILDING BETTER HEALTHCARE

Essential services needed at Cornerstone.

Experiencing homelessness at different times of their lives, Joanne, Kara, and Krystal found the support and care they needed to **rebuild their lives** at Cornerstone.

However, housing can only go so far. When the door closes, isolation and despair can still linger for women who have experienced trauma, instability, and abuse. They need accessible and compassionate healthcare to truly heal.

Healthcare in our programs is critical to the **wellness of our residents**. Our community partners offer innovative programs, but we need your support to **expand this programming to all** of our residents.

We are funding **five pillars of wellness** through our Building Better Healthcare campaign. You can be a part of our mission to improve healthcare among our community's most vulnerable residents.

SCAN ME

You can donate today to Build Better Healthcare for women in our city.

Five Pillars of Wellness

THROUGH THIS CAMPAIGN, WE ARE SEEKING TO FUND FIVE PILLARS OF HEALTH:

01 Nursing Care

02 Mental Health Care

03 Indigenous Spiritual Care

04 Cultural Supports

05 Peer Support Workers

SPECIAL MOMENTS

Joy and fundraising met purpose.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

A TASTE OF IRELAND GARDEN PARTY

PURPLE TIE GALA

BOOTH & ECCLES BLOCK PARTY

SUMMER ARTS SALE

LOOKING AHEAD

Because the work continues.

Save these dates and join us:

FEB 28	Coldest Night of the Year 2026
MAR 8	International Women's Day
JUNE	Taste of Ireland Garden Party @ The Irish Ambassador's Residence
OCT 28	8th Annual Purple Tie Gala @ The Delta Hotel
DEC	Building Better Healthcare Campaign (Ongoing)

As our community grows,
our needs continue to rise.
But with you by ourside,
hope is possible.

COMMUNITY

Cornerstone does not stand alone.

Thanks to our community partners, we are able to meet the diverse need for services in our programs.

Ontario Works

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The Le Royal

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Mental health for all

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Donate by scanning the code to the left with your phone and continue your incredible support for Cornerstone Housing for Women's programs and services this year.

Or go to our website and click the purple donate button to give online

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Thank You!