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Our House News

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Executive Director's Report



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In September, we celebrated our 25th Anniversary of the Centre, and have just passed our 3rd year anniversary at this location. Every year we see improvement to our property and growth in our program.

We had many dignitaries at the event including Dr. Raj Sherman MLA, City Counselor Linda Sloan and Board Chairman Hal Simonson. (Pictured in photo above.)

Thank you to all of our friends who attended our event, your guidance and well wishes motivate us in our journey.

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Our House Addiction Recovery Centre has proudly completed the Accreditation Canada Primer and we will be completing the process in the fall.

I would like to express my gratitude to our wonderful staff that work so hard to improve the lives of our residents and we welcome all those who are new to our staff team and wish for the best for those who have moved on.

Best Wishes to all of our graduates this year, we will be thinking of you.

Patricia Bencz

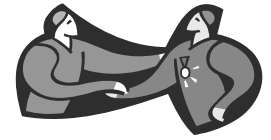
STAFF RECOGNITION



With deep gratitude

Thank you Trisha MacDonald for your five years of service. Your dedication is appreciated. Trisha is going on maternity leave and Shelby Kirillo is her replacement.

From a Former Client



Shanon's Life Story - Living at Our House

I cannot even begin to say how thankful I am that I made the decision to come to Our House. I felt welcome and accepted by all the staff and my fellow clients the minute I walked in the front door. I didn't know if I would be accepted because of my disability but I have had so much help in so many ways. I have had help with my food and help with walking by giving me an arm to hang onto.

For the last 10 years of my life I did not love myself or was able to accept my cerebral palsy. I used alcohol to run from my feelings, and my c. p. and my life was falling apart. I was losing everything and everyone I love. I was living on the streets with nowhere to go and no self respect.

I have been in recovery many times but I found they didn't help me, support me or just work with me the way Our House has. What I mean by "work with me" is being given the tools to help me but then being allowed to work my own recovery that works for me instead of being told what my recovery should look like. Even though I have done all the work, I truly have to give a lot of the credit to my counselor. I cannot even begin to say how much respect I have for him. He has been the type of counselor who tells me "what I need to hear", not "what I want to hear". He has also helped me with my step work and he has listened and supported ideas I presented to help me have a strong recovery. He has also always made time for me and

has treated me with so much respect. He has been much, much more than just a counselor; he has been a friend who works with me. We work side by side as a team. For that reason I will be forever grateful to him and to ALL the staff who have changed my life forever.

God bless all the staff and guys who are in Our House and will be coming into Our House in the future.

Forever grateful,
Shanon B.