



a home for every person

Backgrounder and Fact Sheet - RainCity Housing and Support Society

RainCity Housing offers a broad range of services and support for people living with mental illness, addictions, unresolved health concerns and complex housing behaviours. The people that choose our housing and supports are matched with the RainCity Housing program that best meets their needs, taking special care to respect their individual experiences, challenges, circumstances, and their dignity.

And there's also the financial benefit to all of us. If the 1600 people still homeless were brought inside, it would save taxpayers 30 million dollars a year!

\$150: the average daily cost to the Province of British Columbia in order to provide services such as emergency room visits, police calls, and crisis grants to each person that remains homeless.

\$100 – the average daily cost to RainCity Housing to provide staff that care, along with safe, supported housing to each person we work with.

But where does that money go at RainCity Housing?

Every day we provide:

- **647** people with a place to live (and their pets!) and staff that take time to listen
- **370** nutritious meals to people at our shelters and meal programs
- **204** people with assistance with medication administration
- **Over 100** people with emergency shelter and assistance with finding housing

Last year:

- **149,845** meals were served
- **58,968** interactions were recorded, all leading towards personal goals
- **29,660** shelter stays were provided
- **180** people previously homeless were assisted in securing independent housing

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Beginning in 1982 as a small emergency shelter, the RainCity Housing family of services has expanded to operate 18 programs in 12 separate buildings, with over 350 employees providing services that include:

- **Emergency housing** – Triage Shelter and seasonal shelters
- **Supported housing** – Princess Rooms Transitional Housing, Fraser Street Transitional Housing, the Lux Transitional Housing, the Biltmore Hotel
- **Women’s housing** – The Vivian Transitional Housing
- **Long term housing** – Windchimes Apartments, Bridget Moran Place, the Shaldon Hotel, Killarney Apartments, the Lux Apartments, Marguerite Ford Apartments
- **Outreach services** – Concurrent Disorders Outreach, Housing First ACT Team
- **Food services** – Meal programs at four of our sites
- **Life skills support** – Medication administration, money administration

Our Vision

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Our Mission

The mission of RainCity Housing is to advance social equity by building upon the strengths of our community and of each individual. Through innovative practices we provide housing and support, promote health and facilitate hope, opportunity and change for people living with mental illness, addictions and other challenges.

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