



a home for every person

2016 Annual Report



The last 12 months at RainCity Housing

A lot can happen in 12 months, and these past 12 are no exception. In July 2015 we opened our first housing program for families. The Budzey has 41 suites for women led families and 106 studio suites for women living on their own. By the spring of 2016 we had over 200 people living in there, as the families vary in size from two to four people.

Many of the children attend Strathcona Elementary, just a couple of blocks away, and with all the bustle of family and friends it's a lot like a little village. Our administration offices also moved in, located to the second floor, and after nine years of not working out of one of our buildings, it's wonderful to be closer to where we started out.

Like many communities in BC, Maple Ridge has been finding ways to address homelessness. The summer of 2015 saw a homeless camp spring up in their downtown and in response the City and RainCity opened a temporary shelter for 40 people Oct 1, 2015. Not without controversy, this program and team have risen above and beyond, working in far from ideal conditions, providing shelter, support, and saving lives. The program was extended for three months in March 2016, but the future is uncertain. We hope the City and BC Housing will provide another extension until more concrete solutions are decided on.

On December 15th, 2015 we opened the first permanent shelter in the Tri-Cities. For eight years hundreds of volunteers in the Tri-Cities provided a mat shelter, moving from church to church over the winter months, insisting that a year round service was needed.



Students from Lord Baden-Powell Elementary School, one of their moms, visit our 3030 Gordon program in Coquitlam, smiling with our practicum student (far left) and next to him our Program Manager, Alisha

At 3030 Gordon Avenue in Coquitlam, we provide 30 private shelter rooms, 30 transitional housing suites, and space for 30 people when extreme weather hits.

Our newest building also seems to be our most popular for those wanting to know more about RainCity and the work we do. Provincial Party caucuses, the BC Nonprofit Housing Association, Federal Government standing committees, and even elementary school groups have come through the doors at 3030 Gordon Avenue, whether it's to learn, break stereotypes, glean data for policy change, or just drop off donations.

I want to acknowledge all of the committed, tireless staff that make up our now 19 programs (housing, shelters and outreach teams), our admin and operations teams that keep the wheels on the bus turning, and the remarkable individuals we are humbled to be able to provide services to and more importantly learn from on a daily basis.

Greg Richmond
Acting Executive Director

A message from our Board of Directors

RainCity Housing continues to grow and has now grown further afield, with shelter and housing options in Coquitlam, Surrey, and Maple Ridge.

Being a new service provider in these communities meant showing how important it is to us to be active and responsible new neighbours. What made this easy was members of these communities showing their support on almost a daily basis. The Tri-Cities in particular have shown us what it means to be a good neighbor.

In Maple Ridge, where the community is having ongoing conversations about how to address homelessness, neighbours have let us know they care by providing donations at Christmas (see photo) and throughout the year.



All three levels of government working together along with the support of the community is the only way we will truly end homelessness. A home for every person is our vision, and one day it will come to fruition.

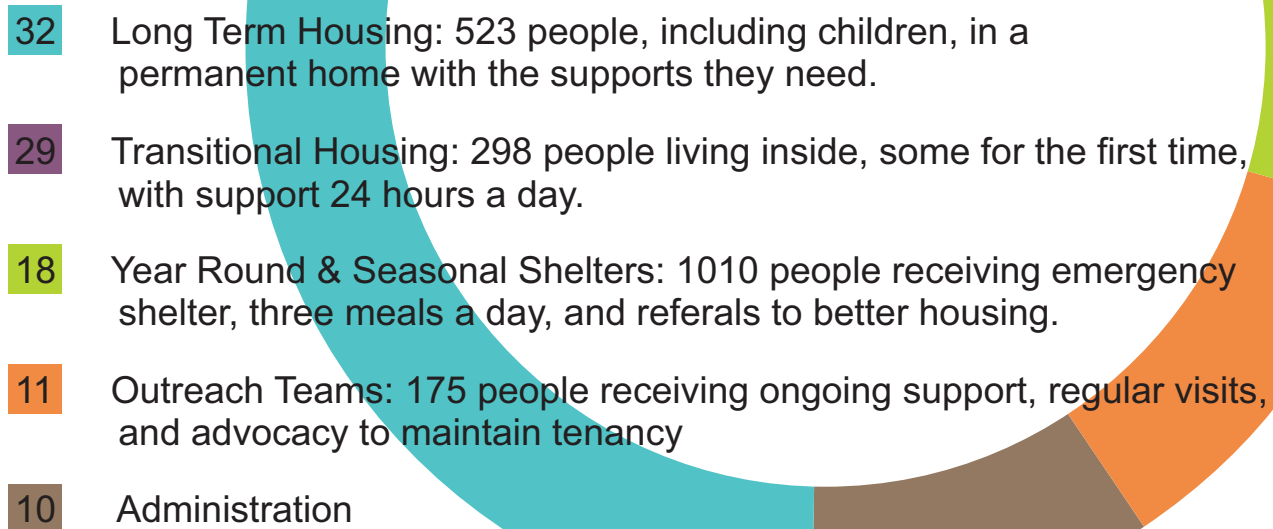
We want to thank all of you who generously support RainCity Housing, whether it's financially, showing support online, or by volunteering your time. All of this makes it possible to do what we do.



Left to right: Douglas Horne, MLA for Coquitlam – Burke Mountain; Linda Reimer, MLA for Port Moody – Coquitlam; Mayor of Coquitlam Richard Stewart; Sean Spear, Associate Director at RainCity Housing; the Hon. James Moore, MP for Port Moody – Westwood – Port Coquitlam, and Chair of RainCity Housing's Board, Stacey Morrison.



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Summarized Statement of Financial Position

	2016	2015
Current Assets	\$ 3,903,445	\$ 5,023,773
Restricted Cash	1,156,334	993,565
Capital Assets	64,151,537	64,302,245
Total Assets	69,211,316	70,319,583
Current Liabilities	4,666,922	37,678,871
Long-term Debt	35,760,160	4,761,030
Forgivable Loans	16,972,251	17,528,161
Deferred Contributions	10,780,427	9,032,829
Total Liabilities	68,179,760	69,000,891
Net Assets	\$ 1,031,556	\$ 1,318,692

Summarized Statement of Operations

	2016	2015
Revenue	\$ 21,305,248	\$ 16,626,140
Wages and Benefits	14,733,943	12,376,134
Property Management	2,619,488	1,527,669
Amortization	2,112,091	1,076,458
Food Services	863,476	551,177
Financial and Administration	891,747	1,042,077
Program Support	371,639	264,274
Total Expenditures	21,592,384	16,837,789
Deficiency of Revenue over Expenses	\$ (287,136)	\$ (211,649)

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Our Board of Directors

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Thank you!

Public funds are specifically for bricks and mortar, and providing staff, but not what happens next in someone's life, or even the next meal. Your donations go directly to improving the quality of life for the folks we work with every day. This can mean skill building, opportunities that provide a sense of self-worth, and sometimes just plain fun.

It also means taxing the other system less. A healthier person spends more time with friends and family and less time in the hospital.

The following have contributed \$50,000 or more:

Under the Same Sun Foundation

Hockey Helps the Homeless

Work [at] Play

Community Action Initiative

"A Caring Anonymous Family"

Remedy's Rx Specialty Pharmacy

The Vancouver Foundation

The following have contributed \$10,000 - \$49,999:

Matra Construction Inc.

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City in Focus

DYS Architecture

Fairbairn Foundation

Flipside Creative Inc

Green Shield Canada Foundation

Foord Family Foundation

Schein Foundation

Lululemon Athletica

Lohn Foundation

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