



Annual Report 2019/2020

Message from Our President & Executive Director

The past year has been an extraordinary one for the entire world as all people began to learn the consequences of the Corona virus and how to cope with it. Notwithstanding the challenges, Gateway has continued to serve its consumers and make progress towards its goals. Our new 8 unit apartment building in Port Colborne is now home for its new occupants. In the spring of 2019 it became official that Gateway took over ownership of Canal View Homes and added 56 units to our housing for a total of 136 units. Last year, we mentioned that we were in the early stages of another new and exciting project in St. Catharines that we hope it will result in at least 40 new supportive housing units that are very much needed in the community. That project is still progressing through the cumbersome development stage. Another, and very significant stage in the history of Gateway came about with the steady progress in the Gateway alliance project with Mainstream Non-Profit Housing Project and Mainstream: An Unsheltered Workshop which allows both agencies to strengthen their ability to serve their consumers in the years ahead. Through funding provided by the Niagara Region we have continued to expand homelessness services with additional Outreach, Housing First and Home for Good workers.

Gateway was founded in 1986 by family members who saw the need for their loved ones to be able to reside in community based supportive housing. We have continued through the years with the goal of providing housing and the necessary supports in a manner consistent with the needs of our residents, but also very importantly consistent with our consumers own defined aspirations.

Our consumers continue to be the root motivation for our staff, volunteers and board members and our reward is seeing consumers recover stability and grow and change in ways that they choose.

We are proud of our extremely dedicated, professional and caring staff who make possible our continuing support for each consumer in the manner our consumers both choose and require. A very heartfelt thanks goes out to each of them for their continued care and concern for our consumers in the midst of the pandemic.

Gateway's ability to serve its consumers is dependent upon a substantial number of people and other organizations. In particular, we wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to each and every one of our many volunteers and to the many other agencies with which we have productive, co-operative and mutually supportive relationship such as the Niagara Health System, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, Consumer Survivor Initiative, Oak Centre, CMHA-Niagara, the Access Line, CASON, and the Community Mental Health Program.

In the upcoming year Gateway will continue to provide housing and support for its consumers and will continue to look for opportunities to both improve and expand our services. We are pursuing opportunities that will allow us to serve more consumers in need of assistance and to broaden areas of co-operation with our partner and sister agencies especially in the area of outreach to the homeless.

Finally, we extend our thanks and heartfelt gratitude to our private sector donors, supporters and friends and volunteers whose assistance is needed and appreciated and allows us to deliver enhanced service and support to our residents and consumers. Our special thanks is extended to you.

Graham Repei – President 2019/2020

John O – Executive Director 2019/2020

Board of Directors

2019 / 2020

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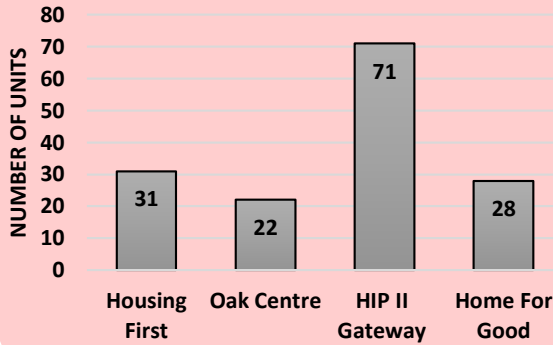
Our Mission

To enable individuals in Niagara to achieve greater independence through innovative consumer-centered housing and support services



Our Staff

Property Managed & Head Leased Units

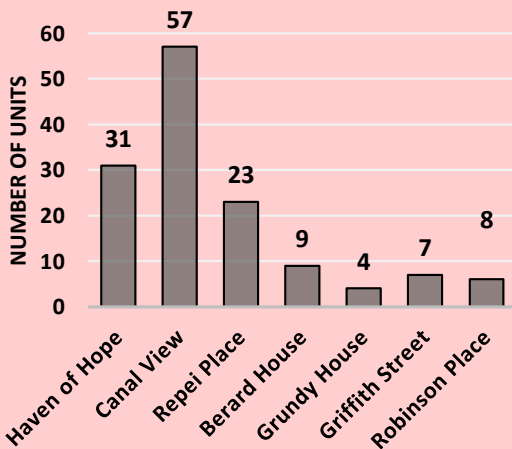


Robinson Place Completed 2020



8 Units dedicated to the Home for Good Program

Gateway Owned Units



Lindsay Alvard	Josie Grossi
Ori Alvarez	AJ Heafey
Jennifer Bailey	Sabrina Jagosh
Linda Bartoszewski	Sarissa Klassen
Vanessa Batcules	Jennifer Kuhn
Karen Belzner	Dan Labonte
Cheryl Booth	Lori Lee
Bridgette Bruno	Rick Lever
Rob Cammaert	Sandra Maletta-Todd
Martha Carpentier-Gibson	Christina Milloy
Jolene Carter	Deanna Morden
Bob Carthew	Shelly Mousseau
Emily Chaytor	Dan Murdoch
Cassandra Coens	Leanne Ortiz
Vaughan Coens	John Osczyppo
Patrick Crummey	Lacey Phillips
Corey Dutcher	Karrie Porter
Keeley Dutcher	Kelsey Porter
Amanda Elliot	Trish Postman
Tori Ellsworth	Laurie Ryan-Hill
Alicia Emerson	Tony Sforza
Amber Lynn	Victoria Shaefer
Farrington	Bobbi Smith
Carrie Fenton	Dee Tyler
Linda Fossey	Sean Vout
Danielle Gdanski	Jennifer Yeo



Revenue & Values

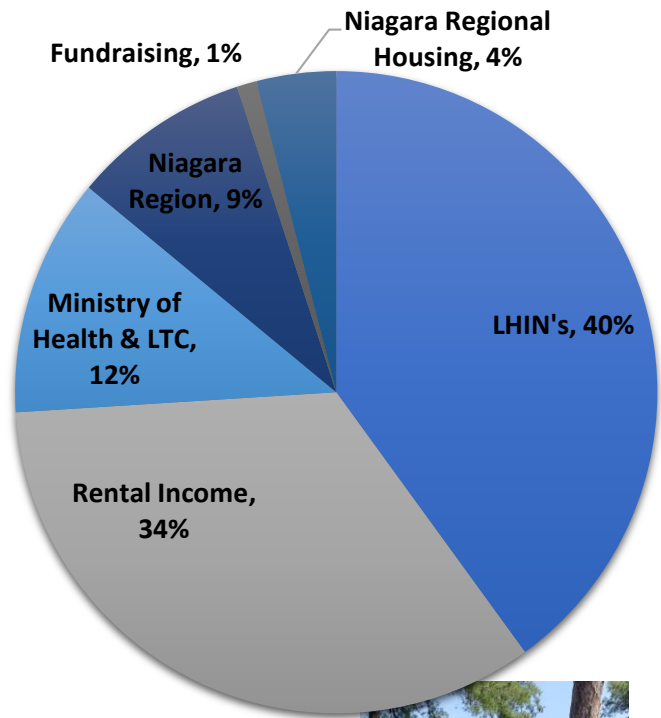


We support and encourage the individual's right to independence, personal decision-making, and involvement in all aspects of planning, implementation, governance and evaluation. Our staff and board members ensure this by standing by the following values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Empowerment
- Non-judgmental
- Fostering Inclusivity
- Supportive Environments
- Collaborative Approach
- Person-centered Approach



Total Revenue 2019/2020 \$4,334,351.87



Our Programs

Supportive Housing

Homelessness Initiative Phase II

Community Treatment Order Program

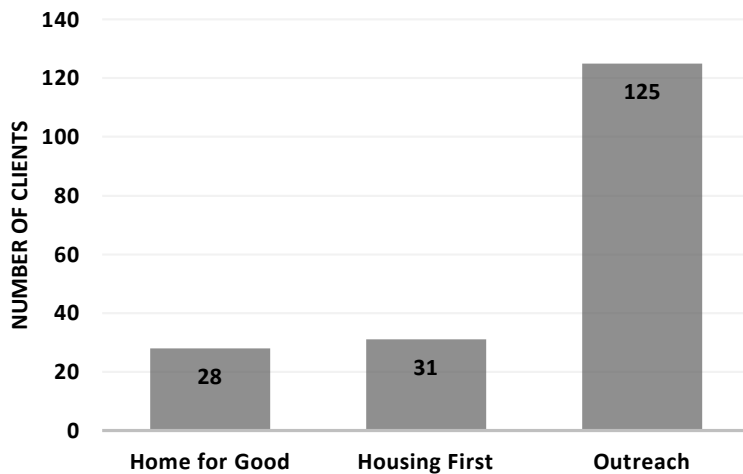
Housing First

Home for Good

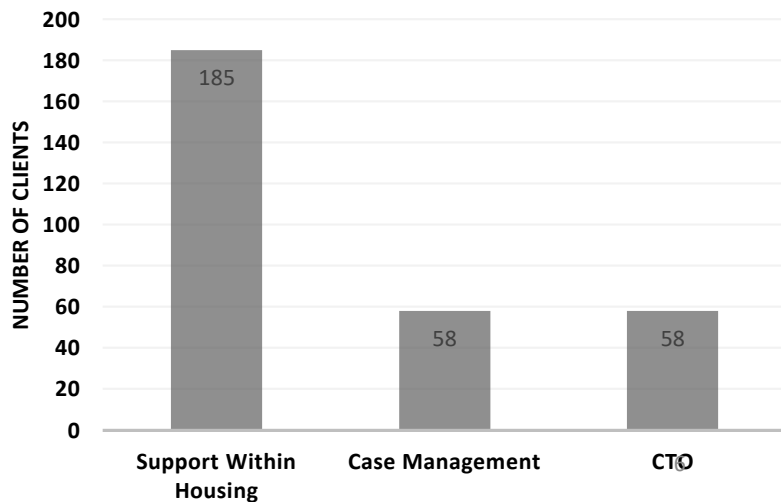
Niagara Assertive Street Outreach

Recreational Therapy

Clients Served (Region)



Clients Served (LHIN)



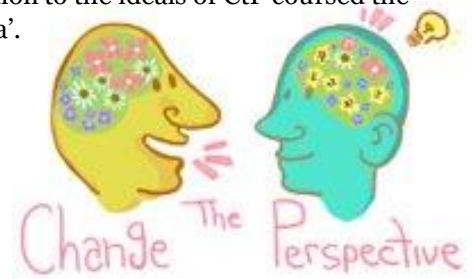
What's Happening At Gateway?

Change the Perspective

While many bookings of Change the Perspective (CtP) speeches have been affected by Covid 19, our members have embarked on a myriad of endeavours this year, such as the: coordination of Speakers Group on-line; Fundraising Committee; Outreach and Promotion Initiative; Team Building Group; Education and Learning Series; and Newsletter Committee (with the present culmination of the Lantern Newsletter).

The founding members of CtP must be noted for their dedication to this Peer directed initiative of Gateway. Jessica with her sincerity and humour has provided her heartwarming speech and offers her time as secretary of the group; Mark with his leadership and philosophical approach, provides facilitation of Speakers and Fundraising groups (creating a prosperous Go Fund Me fundraising campaign for Chromebooks and operational expenses); Caroline with her remarkable resilience and spirited speech has become the resource personnel for equipment and finding us the best deals; Cam with his ingenuity and creativity will continue to be the audio visual guru, and Pat with his passion and determination has always been our impetus, to spread our message far and wide. The addition of Jen (our brave new member), and the talent of Vanessa and Cris (our artistic contributors), further the continued progress of CtP.

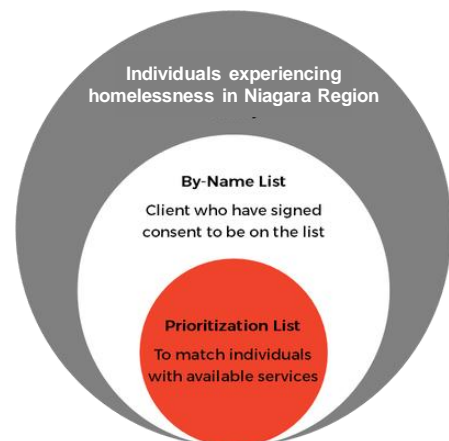
However, we cannot recognise our members, without also commemorating a life, valiantly lived – that of our dear friend Wendy who passed away this year. Her courage and genuine conviction to the ideals of CtP coursed the momentum of our mission, to 'educate the community and break the stigma'.



Referrals for LHIN Programs

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS
ACCESS LINE
1-866-550-5205
CONFIDENTIAL HELP 24/7

By-Name List Housing First & Home for Good Programs



Referral to NASO Team



**When you don't know
where to turn.™**

Our Funders



When **Gateway** & **Mainstream** combine or share their resources (time, effort, talent, some funds, connection, physical space, etc.) they produce an effect that is unique & stronger than what each agency is individually

Contact Us

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