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THE SALVATION ARMY THUNDER BAY JOURNEY TO LIFE CENTRE



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What's Happening in Thunder Bay?

Residential Services

- Emergency Shelter (17 beds – average 35 nightly)
- Correctional Services Federal Parole Clients (8)
- Homes for Special Care - Mental Health (16)
- Habitat – property on Pearl St. (34 men and women)
- Field of Greens Community Garden



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Community & Family Services

- Foodbank & Community Kitchen (150 households/month)
- Breakfast Program (40 children daily)
- Red Cap Anger Management for Children (150 annually)
- Soup Van (street feeding ministry) – 100 daily
- Emergency Disaster Services

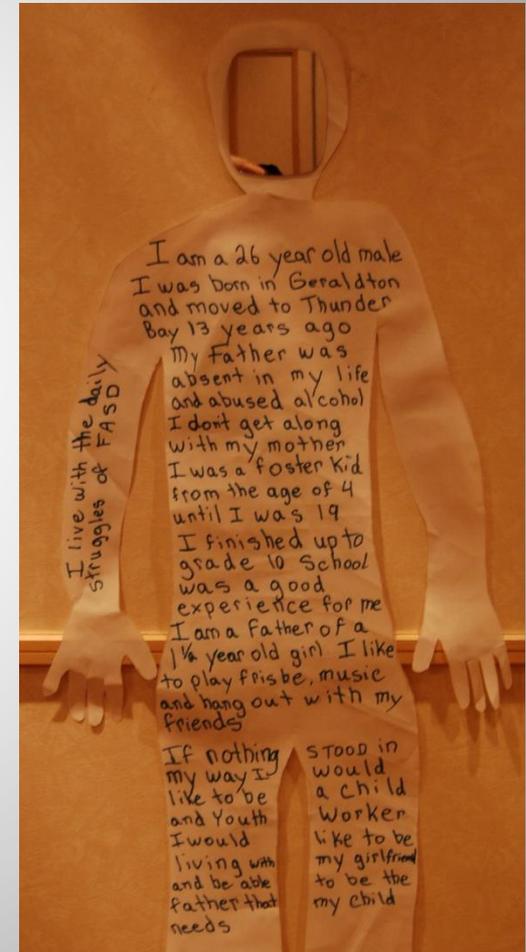


Why do we do what we do?

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I am a 26 year old male. I was born in Geraldton and moved to Thunder Bay 13 years ago. My father was absent in my life and abused alcohol. I don't get along with my mother. I was a foster kid from the age of 4 until I was 19. I finished up to grade 10. School was a good experience for me. I am a father of a 1 ½ year old girl. I like to play Frisbee, music and hang out with my friends. I live with the daily struggles of FASD.

If nothing stood in my way I would like to be a Child & Youth Worker. I would like to be living with my girlfriend and be able to be the father that my child needs.





What's going on?

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HOMELESSNESS

Individuals Residing in Emergency Shelters: Approx. 500 (Jan-Jun 2013) ([2014](#))

Tenants living in core housing need : 47% ([2014](#))

No. of homeless interviewed in homeless count: 289 ([2016](#))

HOUSING

No. of social housing units: 3,621 ([2017](#))

No. of rent supplement units: 475 ([2017](#))

Wait list for rent-g geared-to-income housing: 829 ([2015](#))

Supportive Housing Units (#): 1,733 ([2014](#))

Emergency shelter beds (#): 142 ([2014](#))

1-bedroom Vacancy Rate: 3.6% ([2016](#))

2-bedroom Vacancy Rate: 5.3% ([2016](#))

Average Cost of Rent (bachelor): \$608/mo. ([2016](#))

Average Cost of Rent (1 bdrm): \$765/mo. ([2016](#))

Average Cost of Rent (2 bdrm): \$940/mo. ([2016](#))



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It's time to stop cooking with cheese

- Warehousing (3 hots and a cot)
- Band-Aid solutions
- Complex Issues
 - Mental Health
 - Physical Health
 - Addictions
 - Generational Trauma
 - Childhood trauma
 - Lack of foundational teaching
 - Discouragement

So...what do we do?



Education &
job skills

Life skills
programming

Physical &
financial stability



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- Physical health – Superior North EMS, Oak Medical
- Mental Health – NorWest; GAPPS; Alpha Court, CMHA, PACE, BISNO
- Life Skills – self-esteem; self-awareness; self-management
- Living skills – personal hygiene; cooking; laundry; financial management
- Education – literacy/numeracy – Literacy Thunder Bay; TB School Boards; Confederation; LU
- Job Skills – placements in local businesses



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- We are looking to move people forward to the best life they can have
- Many supports available in the city but many clients need help in finding and coordinating those supports
- Strong case-management through the process and for up to two years after 'graduation' to ensure success



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- Client-centred – not a ‘cookie-cutter’ approach
- Strengths-based – what skills and abilities do the clients bring to the table?
- ‘Re-parenting’ – what are those foundational pieces that are missing because of absent or dysfunctional parenting?
- Community support – need to diminish the dependence on The Salvation Army by establishing community connections



The New Journey to Life Centre

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- Building a new, purpose-built facility
 - Approximately 30,000 sf
- Self-contained units for those in the program to help them transition from institutional life to independence (entire 3rd floor)
 - Will be responsible for their own meals, laundry, etc.
- Program space for teaching and recreational opportunities
- Clients will help to help offset costs



New Facility (Journey to Life Centre)

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- Total project cost - \$10 - \$12 million
- Total committed thus far \$8,000,000.00
 - \$5,750,000 The Salvation Army (national, regional, local)
 - \$1,287,433 TBDSSAB – Investment in Affordable Housing
 - \$ 500,000 City of Thunder Bay (plus waiving of fees)
 - \$ 350,000 Private donor
 - Other smaller contributions
- We are embarking on a capital campaign to raise the rest



Benefits

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- Salvation Army contributes approximately \$2 million into the city each year; during construction that will increase to \$10 - \$12 million
- Successful clients will no longer be a drain on the system, but will be working, spending and contributing members of society
- Will hopefully reduce the need for emergency shelter
- The city will be safer; less drain on emergency care and police
- People will learn respect and dignity and how to treat others with respect and dignity



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Any questions?

