



Ontario



BACKGROUND

ST. JUDE COMMUNITY HOMES PROJECT

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The Project:

St. Jude Community Homes has built a 30-unit affordable housing building for people with mental health issues. The facility, located at 270 Milan Street, includes on-site support and programming such as counselling, life skills training, social and recreational programming, links to educational opportunities, and meal programs. It also has a live-in caretaker, and 24 hour emergency response.

St. Jude's History in the Community:

St. Jude's has operated a similar facility in the area for over 13 years with tremendous success. At 431 Dundas Street East, residents have been able to gain the skills and support they need to live and be fully integrated citizens of the community. The new facility gives 30 additional people living with mental health challenges the opportunity to have a caring, safe, affordable place to call home.

Funding:

\$2.4 million in funding for development is being provided by the second phase of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Mental Health Homelessness Initiative. The Mental Health Homelessness Initiative targets persons with a mental illness who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless, including persons coming from shelters. The government of Ontario also provides funding for support services to enable the residents to live independently.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) provides financial assistance to owners of property occupied by low-income households to make necessary repairs to bring their properties up to minimum health and safety standards. This project will receive over \$660,000 in RRAP funding from CMHC.

The property, worth \$310,000, was leased to St. Jude by the City of Toronto.

Partners:

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