

A COMMUNITY OF COMPASSION. A PLACE OF HOPE.

# TRANSFORMATION IN ACTION

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## COMMUNITY AT CHRISTMAS

I'm looking forward to Christmas here at ehm. In a rapidly changing world, we'll provide a sense of tradition and ensure no one feels forgotten or alone.

There will be decorations prepared by various client groups, festive meals, and presents and tokens to remind our tenants and clients that they are loved and seen.

There will be joy in the simple things – a phone call from a friend or support worker or a physically distanced greeting from a neighbour across the hallway or in the ehm laneway. There will be familiar, smiling eyes above face masks.

There's a strength and comfort that comes from ehm's longevity (107 years, still going strong!) and reflecting on all the times of hardship it has survived. It's a reminder of the resilience of our clients and deep care of our donors.

Thank you for making over 100 years of Christmas programming possible. I wish you and yours a merry Christmas.

*Jennifer*



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### INSIDE

Read about Khadijah, Artist, and resident since 2012.

Because of the pandemic, Khadijah's apartment hasn't just been her home, it's become her studio! You may have seen her work featured on CBC Arts' Opening Up series this past June.

"It's been a safe haven for me... The time I moved here, I had nowhere to go... Everyone is respectful, super warm, everyone knows each other."

# SELF-EXPRESSION FROM A HOME STUDIO



*Credit: Khadijah Morley, artist*

The ehm Residence is a place where people can flourish. Relieved of the all-encompassing worry of whether they will make next month's rent, residents are able to direct their energy towards living full lives and pursuing their interests.

Khadijah is one such resident. Since moving in eight years ago, she started a degree at OCAD University (Ontario College of Art & Design University), pursuing a lifelong dream of becoming a professional artist. "It's been a safe haven for me," Khadijah reflects. "When I moved here, I had nowhere to go. [The Residence] is really good, because it's suited for my income. It's forgiving in the sense that it's adjusted to whatever I make and I have time to collect enough money to pay for my rent. It allows me a sort of breather."

With this sense of security, Khadijah has developed her art, creating stunning works that explore and express her identity.

Creating artwork is an integral part of Khadijah's life, bringing her joy in the middle of sometimes difficult circumstances: "It really helped me learn a lot about myself and the world. With my circumstances, it's one thing that gives me joy."

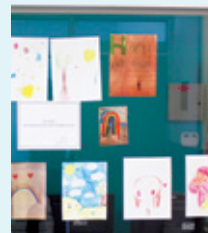
Khadijah's artwork and home studio in the Residence, where she's been creating her art since the beginning of the pandemic, were highlighted in CBC Arts this summer.

## PROGRAMMING DURING THE PANDEMIC

**When the ehm community rallies together, even a pandemic won't stop programming from happening! Donors, volunteers, staff, clients and residents alike have provided resources, creative solutions, and a whole lot of great programming. We hope you take pride seeing how programs and services have adapted to meet community needs this past Spring and Summer!**

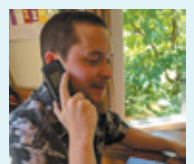
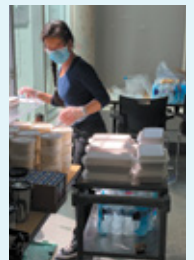
### MID-MARCH:

- Pause all group and in-person programming
- Financial trusteeship, spiritual care, tenant support continue remotely
- Emergency pantry and meals established for residents
- Donors send grocery gift cards, drawings, and messages of hope



### APRIL:

- New Take-Out Meal Program takes off, starting with 100 meals on day 1
- Meals provided to ehm Residence and Portland Place
- Easter bunny visits the Residence
- Residents lacking communication devices receive phones to stay in touch







# SOLVING TORONTO'S HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING CRISIS

The COVID-19 pandemic has starkly shown the extent of Toronto's housing crisis, revealing the critical need for long-term solutions to homelessness. Tackling homelessness ultimately means increasing affordable housing, such as the rent-geared-to-income housing we offer in the ehm Residence.

The good news is that the pandemic has been a catalyst for leaders at all levels of government to pay closer attention to the housing crisis. This fall, both the City of Toronto and the federal government announced plans to increase affordable housing. These plans include engaging community stakeholders to create housing solutions.

We know that you, our supporters, are invested in solving the homelessness and housing crisis. We look forward to sharing more news with you about how affordable housing is being created and how you can be part of the solution.

“Simply put, it is now... more cost effective to build and acquire supportive housing than it is to build and operate more shelters. What you have here is a clear moral case to act, which we have always had, together with a solid business case for doing it.”

**Mayor John Tory**

## MAY:

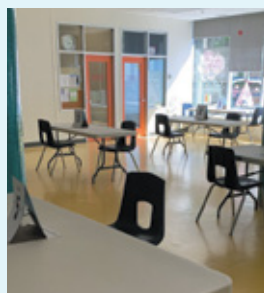
- Take-Out Meal Program increases to five days per week, distributing 200 meals each day
- Financial trustee, spiritual care, tenant support workers continue to provide supports remotely, including teaching computer/internet skills

## JUNE:



- Supplies of PPE arrive from Presbyterian Church in Taiwan

## JULY:



- Drop-In Centre re-opens
- Weekly small group programs resume

## AUGUST:



- Annual BBQ

## SEPTEMBER:

- Dental Clinic resumes hygiene services
- Sunday dinners and worship resume
- Shower and laundry facilities re-open





Linda Lebrun, CFA,  
ehm Board Vice President

## CREATING SAFE SPACES THROUGH GIFTS OF SECURITIES

As a portfolio manager, my goal is to serve as a prudent fiduciary for my clients and maximize their long-term return on investments. As Vice President of ehm’s board, member of the Finance Committee, and a personal donor, I am uniquely positioned to see just how far gifts to ehm go. And, I can tell you this: donations go very far. ehm’s disciplined fiscal management ensures your donations have the maximum impact: supporting programs providing critically-needed help to members of our community.

This is the season when you may be meeting with your advisors to finalize year-end financial plans. This year, why not discuss how you can make a charitable contribution of securities to ehm? Your broker can transfer donated shares to ehm’s account at Caldwell Securities Ltd. where they will be sold commission-free. This means 100% of your donation goes toward supporting ehm’s programs. And, if you donate publicly-traded shares on which you have capital gains, you will receive a tax receipt for the value of your shares on the day of donation, pay no tax on your capital gains, and help individuals hit hardest by this pandemic

## FOOD DRIVES NEEDED

ehm’s daily meal service has **almost doubled**, increasing food costs significantly. Food drives for these items will be most appreciated!

- White rice
- Sugar (individual packets)
- Ground coffee
- Tetra juice packs
- Hot sauce (individual packets)
- Ketchup (individual packets)

## URGENTLY NEEDED CLOTHING

- Durable boots and running shoes
- Jeans and track pants
- Water resistant mittens, gloves, hats, scarves (no knitted items)
- Sleeping bags
- Large, sturdy backpacks

**Drop-off hours are by appointment, Monday to Friday from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Call 416-504-3563**

## THREE WAYS TO HELP

- 1 PROVIDE A SUNDAY MEAL**  
Sunday dinners are back! Groups of up to 8 individuals are needed to provide take-out meals.
- 2 BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR**  
Your consistent generosity helps ehm continue to adapt and provide essential community services through this crisis.
- 3 LEAVE YOUR LEGACY**  
Include Evangel Hall Mission in your estate plan today and give the gift of hope in the future.

**WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH? WE’D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

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