

YOUR 2026 GRATITUDE REPORT



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At Evangel Hall Mission, we are reminded every day that housing is about more than having a roof overhead.

It is about the ordinary parts of life many of us take for granted. A warm coat pulled from a closet. A favourite mug waiting in the kitchen. A quiet place to sit at the end of the day. A door you can close and know you are safe. Because of your support, these moments are becoming part of everyday life for more people in our community.

This year, we have seen a growing number of seniors coming to EHM for support, many navigating health challenges, isolation, and the loss of family or community connections.

Aging without stable housing makes even simple routines difficult. Preparing a meal, keeping track of medications, or finding a place to rest can feel overwhelming without consistent support.

Thanks to you, EHM continues to be a steady presence.

We provide safe housing, welcoming spaces, and caring staff who take the time to know people by name and walk alongside them as they rebuild stability at their own pace. When someone has a place to belong, they begin to settle. They reconnect with what they enjoy. Life becomes less about getting through the day and more about having a day worth living.

Thank you for standing with our neighbours and for making this work possible. Your generosity helps ensure that dignity, safety, and human connection remain at the centre of everything we do.

Sincerely,



Ainsley Chapman
Executive Director
Evangel Hall Mission





SUPPORTING SENIORS WITH DIGNITY

The face of homelessness in Toronto is changing.

At Evangel Hall Mission, seniors are now the fastest-growing group seeking support. Many arrive with complex needs shaped by years of poverty, instability, and limited access to housing, food, healthcare, and family support.

Although EHM was not designed as a seniors' facility, we have become deeply experienced in seniors care, and that need will continue to grow.

People who have lived much of their lives in poverty often experience the impacts of aging earlier than expected. Symptoms such as arthritis, mobility challenges, and cognitive decline can begin much sooner, sometimes as early as age 50 or 55.

In response, EHM has adapted its programs and spaces to support seniors whose needs are shaped by the realities of aging in poverty. Our drop-in centre

washrooms have been renovated to improve accessibility, and we now distribute essential items such as incontinence supplies—supports that preserve dignity but are often overlooked.

Through EHM's Spiritual Care Program, staff build close, trusting relationships with tenants and drop-in guests. By seeing people regularly and taking the time to listen, staff are often the first to notice changes in health or behaviour. This allows us to connect individuals with medical care, family supports, or community services before challenges become crises.

Loneliness is one of the most significant challenges facing seniors. At EHM, social activities, shared meals, and simple daily routines help reduce isolation and foster a sense of belonging. For many people without family, EHM provides a vital support system, a place where they are known, valued, and cared for.

Your support helps ensure that aging does not mean being forgotten.

A COMMUNITY THAT LOOKS OUT FOR EACH OTHER: RON'S STORY

Ron loves old Westerns. He says the cowboys had a simple code: you look out for your neighbour.

That same spirit runs through Evangel Hall Mission, a place where neighbours look out for one another, not just in moments of crisis, but every day.

Before coming to EHM, Ron spent 13 years without a home, sleeping in cardboard boxes and doing his best to survive Toronto winters. Growing up in foster care, he didn't have the opportunity to learn how to manage money or build long-term stability.

Life on the street was lonely, exhausting, and unpredictable.

When Ron first moved into housing at EHM, the adjustment was difficult. "I didn't know nothing about how to live inside again," he says.

But with steady encouragement from staff and the support of people around him, Ron found a rhythm that worked for him. He learned to pay rent, manage his money, and build a home he could finally call his own.

"When you have your own home, you can lock that door and know no one's going to take your stuff or break it," Ron says. "That's when I finally felt safe again."

Through EHM's Financial Trusteeship Program, Ron learned how to manage his money and maintain his housing. When he once fell behind on rent, staff helped him realize he had savings he did not even know he had built up. That support prevented him from losing his home.

Today, Ron's life is shaped by routine and connection. He spends time at the Drop-In Centre, shares his favourite Westerns with friends, and checks in with staff who know him well. He has a home where he can keep the things he cares about and a community where people notice if he is not around.

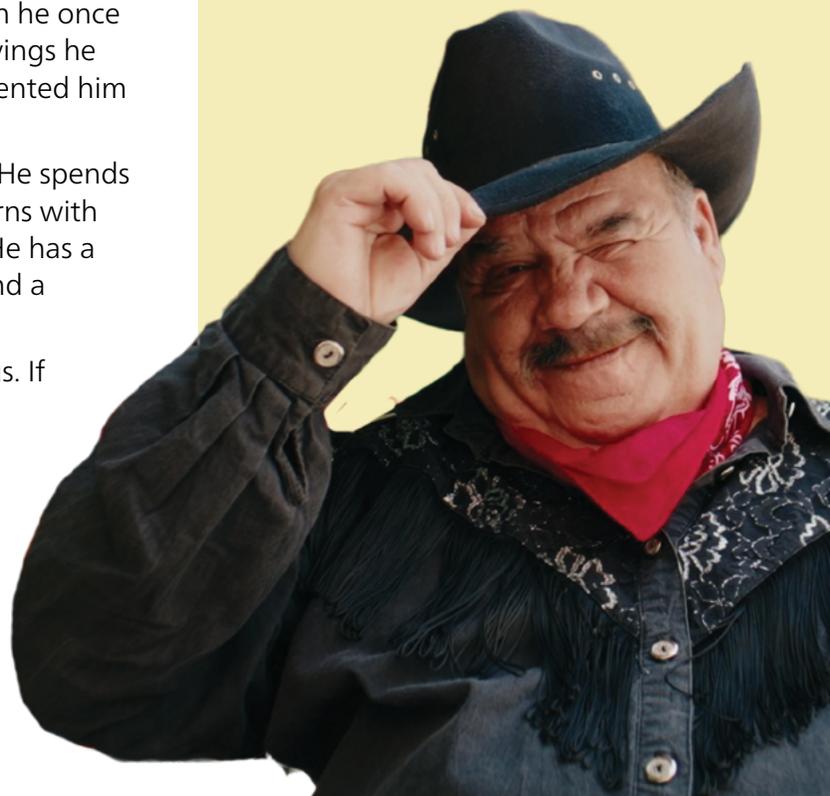
"I have a family here," Ron says. "The staff, they know us. If somebody's missing, they notice."

As Manager of Programs, François Sealy, reflects, being in the same place, with the same familiar faces, may be the biggest thing Evangel Hall Mission offers its clients. Stability.

Thanks to your support, Ron's story is about continuity, dignity, belonging, and the quiet, life-changing impact of knowing you are not alone.

"They never gave up on me – even when I slipped up, or when I wanted to give up on myself. Because of EHM, I've been on a good path for over 30 years."

RON
EHM Resident



WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MAKES POSSIBLE

Much of EHM's work happens quietly, behind the scenes.

Your generosity makes it possible for staff to provide referrals, advocate on behalf of tenants, coordinate care, and offer stability in moments of uncertainty.

It supports the emotional labour required to build trust, set boundaries, and walk alongside people facing complex challenges.

François Sealy, Manager of Programs, shares that sometimes a great day for EHM clients looks like very little at all. Quietly eating a meal, having a shower, and chatting with staff may not seem like much, but for that guest, it is a great day.

In addition to warm meals, clean clothes, and safe housing, your support builds meaningful relationships. These are the connections that help people feel seen, valued, and supported through their most difficult moments.

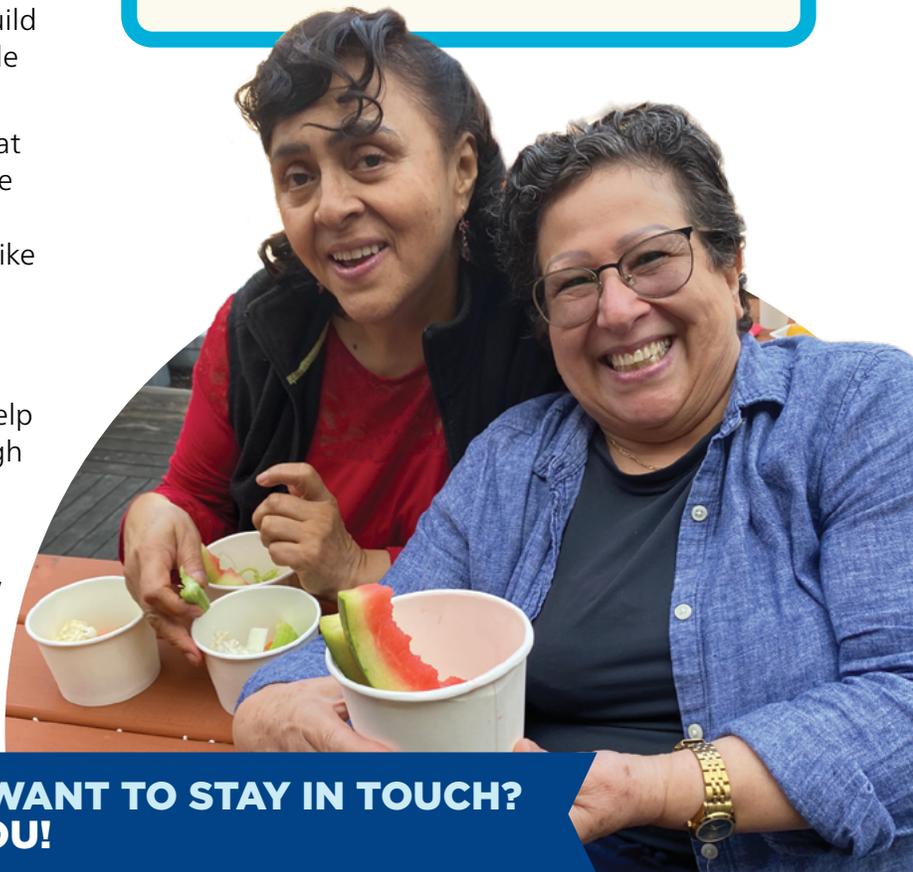
Every contribution helps create a community where dignity comes first, and hope is restored, one person at a time.

Thank you for standing with Evangel Hall Mission and for making this work possible.

HELP SUSTAIN THIS WORK

The stories shared here are made possible through the ongoing support of our community.

If you would like to help sustain Evangel Hall Mission's work, we invite you to make a gift by scanning the QR code here.



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