

DAVID BUSBY STREET CENTRE

Making room at 88

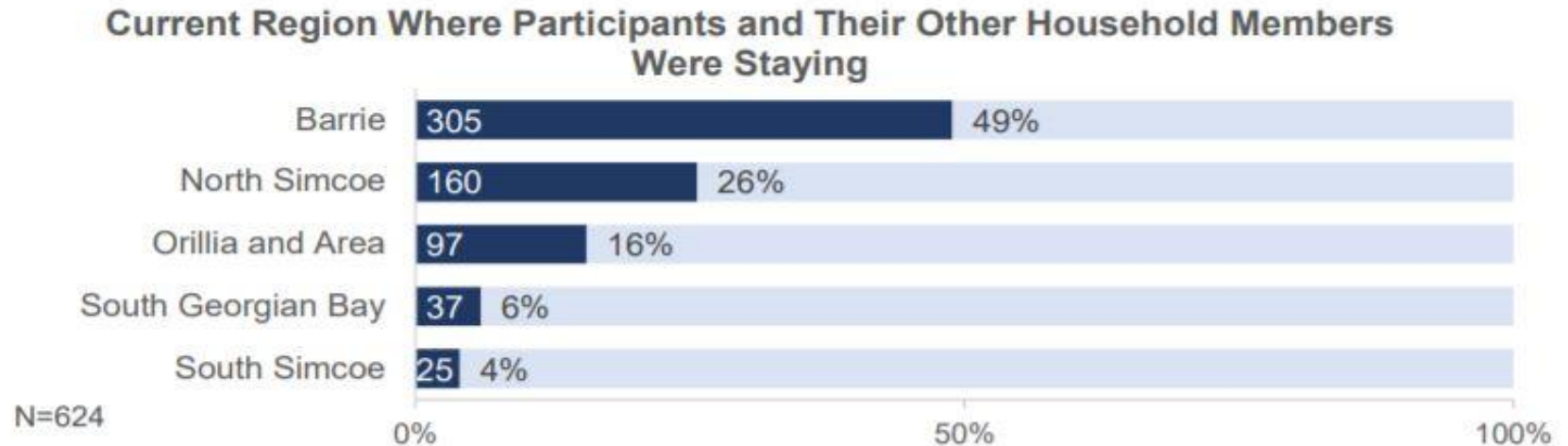
David Busby Centre



Why is this Project Important?

Opening the doors at 88 Mulcaster is the next step in implementing a coordinated response to homelessness in our community.

- 697 persons experiencing homelessness in Simcoe County in April 2018



- 42% reported staying in emergency shelter
- 12% were unsheltered – 84 people!

Our project offers emergency shelter to help meet current needs with a housing first approach – focused efforts to move people out of homelessness

Background

November 2010 Busby Centre hosts a community symposium to explore a shared solution to homelessness. This evolved into sessions focused on an 'under one roof' solution

March 21, 2011 City Council passes a resolution directing staff to work with social and health service agencies to seek opportunities to enhance service provisions for the community through a shared facility model.

Fall 2012 The David Busby Street Centre and Canadian Mental Health Association are successful in a Trillium Grant to mobilize community partners to achieve a shared facility to reduce the impact of homelessness in Barrie.

2013 Community consultations with over 30 individual stakeholders and 23 community agencies (including the City of Barrie)

November 2013 Presentation to council regarding a Shared Social Services Facility.

February 3, 2014 General Committee passes a motion endorsing the Barrie Pathways project, with a key focus on a shared facility and a coordinated approach to addressing homelessness.

October 2014 88 – 90 Mulcaster Street was purchased by CMHA to support the Pathways vision. David Busby Street Centre moved into the building as part of phase one following a successful renovation project.

2016 CMHA program staff moved into the building as part of the next phase.

2018 Busby Centre and Out of the Cold merge and Busby commits to offering emergency group lodging at 88 Mulcaster Street.

June 2018 Construction begins

Renovation Overview

- **Doubles the current space** from 3000 sq/ft to 6000 sq/ft.
- Includes space for **Emergency Group Lodging** (formerly offered by Barrie Out of the Cold).
- **Enhanced Kitchen Facilities** for meal preparation and life skills teaching opportunities.
- Includes space for **Health Care, Counselling and Housing Support** services to clients.
- **Fire, Life Safety and Accessibility** issues addressed through the construction.



Focus on Housing First

'Housing First' is a recovery-oriented approach to ending homelessness that centers on quickly moving people experiencing homelessness into independent and permanent housing and then providing additional supports and services as needed.

The David Busby Centre, with emergency group lodging and the support of all of the onsite partners in the facility will allow us to implement the next step of the housing first program in our community.

Some of our onsite partners include:

Canadian Mental Health Association

Gilbert Centre

SMDHU

Barrie Housing

Barrie Community Health Centre

Mothercare



Understanding the Cost:

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY COSTS OF HOUSING PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE HOMELESS



\$1,932

SHELTER BED



\$4,333

PROVINCIAL JAIL



\$10,900

HOSPITAL BED



\$701

RENT SUPPLEMENTS

VS.



\$199.⁹²

SOCIAL HOUSING

Source: Wellesley Institute's *Blueprint to End Homelessness* (2007).

Project Costs

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| Total Project Cost | \$920,000.00 |
| Funds raised to date | \$520,000 |
| Cash Paid to Construction | \$300,000 |
| Donations Pledged | \$220,000 |
| Remaining Fundraising Needed | \$400,000 |
| City Request | \$200,000 |

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