



# News Release

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## Salvation Army to receive \$1.95 million to aid homeless individuals in transition throughout Edmonton.

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**Edmonton, Alberta** - The Salvation Army is to receive \$1.95 million in funding for two projects to help ease the homeless crisis in Edmonton. Tom Forgrave, Chair of the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund announced the funding at the launch of the Salvation Army *onward - a campaign for dignity*, fundraising campaign held at Grace Manor.

"These very distinct projects addresses the broad range of housing that is needed in our community, these projects focus on the needs of persons recovering from addictions, people who are in need of a continuum of services." Mr. Forgrave continued, "The Edmonton Housing Trust Fund is proud to be one of the major contributors to the Salvation Army's *onward* campaign. Making a difference in our community is the goal of both organizations."

Major Larry Scarbeau, Executive Director of the Salvation Army Addictions & Residential Centre in Edmonton, said "The projects would not have been as comprehensive, nor would we have been able to assist as many people without the support of the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund. Our goal is to help people through the tougher times in life and give them a hand-up and not a hand-out." Major Scarbeau added, "The Edmonton Housing Trust Fund's contribution is a significant part of our campaign goal, however there is still a serious need for the community to come forward and support the many projects of the Salvation Army and the community."

"The Government of Canada is very pleased that the partnerships established, through the Supporting Communities Partnerships Initiative, has assisted the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund in their work to address homelessness in this community," said Anne McLellan, Minister of Health and Member of Parliament for Edmonton West, on behalf of Claudette Bradshaw, Minister of Labour and Federal Coordinator on Homelessness.

The projects being funded in part by the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund include:

- Grace Manor – Assisted Living Residence component of the complex. This project has allowed the Salvation Army to look beyond its original vision and expand the services to address the needs of very low-income people who have the potential of falling through the cracks. The residents will experience independence without isolation, having 24-hour access to support services. This is a new construction project.

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- Keystone Apartments – is a 15 unit apartment building consisting of four bachelor units, nine one-bedroom units, and two two-bedroom units, for graduates of addiction treatment programs and other individuals who are in recovery needing supportive housing. The Edmonton Housing Trust Fund previously announced the funding for this project in May of 2001. This project was a purchase and renovation of an existing apartment building.

Funding for Edmonton Housing Trust Fund initiatives associated with homelessness currently come from all three orders of government. This includes funding from the Government of Canada's Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative, under the National Homelessness Initiative, the Government of Alberta's Homelessness Initiative and the City of Edmonton's donation agreement.

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## The Edmonton Housing Trust Fund Partnership Agreements

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The Edmonton Housing Trust Fund (EHTF) works in partnership with the three levels of government and the community. One of the main functions of the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund is to serve as the funding vehicle for affordable housing in Edmonton by consolidating public, not-for-profit, and private sector funding in one place so that it can be used to meet the highest priority needs in Edmonton. The EHTF has funding agreements with the Government of Canada, the Province of Alberta, and the City of Edmonton under various programs to support this mandate.

### Government of Canada

Funding for this project has been provided under the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) of the Government of Canada's National Homelessness Initiative (NHI). The Edmonton Housing Trust Fund will receive approximately \$17 million over three years under the SCPI program. NHI funding is also provided in Edmonton for youth projects under the Youth-at-Risk-Homelessness component of the Youth Employment Strategy (\$1.8 million); and for Aboriginal-specific projects under Urban Aboriginal Strategy—Homelessness (\$3,464,100). NHI programs fund projects that address the needs identified in the Edmonton Community Plan on Homelessness, which was developed to find solutions for Edmonton's homelessness issues.

Funding for this project was provided for in the February 2000 federal Budget and is built into the existing fiscal framework.

For more information on the Government of Canada's National Homelessness Initiative, visit their Web site at [www.hrdc.gc.ca/homelessness](http://www.hrdc.gc.ca/homelessness).

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### Government of Alberta

Through the provincial Homelessness Initiative, Alberta Seniors (Ministry responsible for Housing) allocates funds on a year-to-year basis to community-based organizations in each of the seven major urban centres (i.e., Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Grande Prairie, and Fort McMurray), in accordance with approved community plans and based upon the program criteria.

For more information on the Government of Alberta's Homelessness Initiative, visit the Alberta Seniors website at [www.seniors.gov.ab.ca](http://www.seniors.gov.ab.ca).

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## City of Edmonton

The City of Edmonton is a founding member of the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund, appoints one of the seven trustees, and provides approximately \$1.2 million in funding to the trust annually.

For information on Edmonton's housing and homelessness initiatives, visit:

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## The Salvation Army – Grace Manor

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The Salvation Army recognizes the growing need for supportive services for the elderly, particularly for those who are disadvantaged or have special requirements, which are often not well met through other community service providers. The recognition of these increasing numbers of older adults in need in Canadian communities, including Edmonton, has created a demand to explore alternative, more suitable options for serving the elderly.

The Salvation Army has operated the Sunset Lodge in Edmonton since 1954, offering housing and supportive services to 41 senior, female residents who have stable mental health conditions of a persistent and long-term nature. Their stability is maintained through care interventions and a supportive environment, which is sensitive to their potential instability. The building is old, inefficient, lacks suitable space and does not meet current needs for housing and life safety requirements. It is not suitable for renovation, upgrading or expansion and a replacement facility, the recently completed Grace Manor, is now open.

Grace Manor will enable clients to "age-in-place" through the provision of a continuum of services including supportive housing, mental health support, designated assisted living and continuing care services on site. Our vision for Grace Manor is to build communities within the facility that will offer universal wheelchair access, the ability of the resident to personalize his/her suite, use of common space, lodging, food, housekeeping and 24-hour security. The residents will experience independence without social isolation.

Sunset Lodge has developed an expertise in creating a homelike setting for those people who have been diagnosed as having a persistent mental health disorder. We have achieved a success rate of 95% over the past 4 years in maintaining our residents in a residential setting without the need for an admission to a psychiatric institution. And we welcome the opportunity to serve those residents who have mental health issues.

<b>Total estimated project cost</b>	<b>= \$9,963,000</b>
<b>Contribution from the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund</b>	<b>= \$1,500,000</b>
<b>Contribution from Salvation Army</b>	<b>= \$4,802,500</b>
<b>Contributions from other sources</b>	<b>= \$2,660,500</b>
<b>Contribution from Alberta Seniors</b>	<b>= \$1,000,000</b>

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## The Salvation Army – Keystone Apartment

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The Salvation Army, Addictions, Residential Centre (ARC) has offered services to men for over 80 years. In keeping with the Army's motto of "Heart to God and Hand to Man", the ARC has been a beacon of hope and a 'place of new beginnings' for men who have a need for a 'hand up' and a new start in life.

The ARC currently operates a Single Men's Residence, a Single Women's Residence, and the Anchorage Addiction Treatment Program for men and women, a Mental Health Medication Supervision Service and a variety of other support services for men and women. These include:

- ❑ Long and short term board and lodging accommodation for single males;
- ❑ Emergency Shelter Mat program (male & female);
- ❑ Long-term residential addiction treatment program (male & female -The Anchorage);
- ❑ Transitional board and lodging for women in addiction treatment;
- ❑ Community Addiction Awareness Education (Taking Charge Program);
- ❑ Community feeding program (weekly and special events);
- ❑ Resume preparation and job search assistance for program graduates;
- ❑ Food services (catering);
- ❑ Free clothing for Addiction Treatment clients (through S.A. thrift store);
- ❑ Specialized counseling;
- ❑ Family Tracing; and,
- ❑ Community Church programs (Edmonton Central Community Church).

We are presently serving 116 males in our men's residence, 8 females in a separate residential facility, 45 males and 8 females in our addiction treatment program, and 10 males and 10 females through our Emergency Shelter Mat Service.

The Addiction Treatment Program, known as The Anchorage Program, has helped over 1,500 men with various addiction problems over the last 7 years. The Anchorage Program is based on the philosophy that addiction is a community problem that requires the involvement of the client, his family, professional counselors and support workers, other agencies and the local community as a whole. The Anchorage Program has won the admiration and respect of city and provincial law enforcement agencies, officials of the judiciary and correctional system, and other community agencies that work with individuals caught in the web of addictions. The overall goal of the Anchorage is to provide an environment where the addicted individual can find safety, support and the spiritual resources to overcome their addictions, rebuild their self-esteem, reconnect with family and re-establish themselves in the community. To achieve this goal the Aftercare Program is a vital component to sustain the successful long-term recovery of the graduates of the Anchorage Program.