

# What is the Oxford Housing Action Collaborative?

The Oxford Housing Action Collaborative (OHAC) is a committed group of community partners working to solve our housing crisis.

OHAC was formed in 2019 to focus on ending homelessness in Oxford County. We envision a community where all people are housed, supported and thriving.

- Housing is a human right and yet too many people struggle to find adequate housing.
- Homelessness is real and happening in Oxford County.
- While the solutions are not simple, **we can end homelessness.**

Medicine Hat, Alberta, was the first city in Canada to end chronic homelessness. London, Ontario, has ended veteran homelessness and is working towards ending chronic homelessness by 2026. Many other Canadian communities are on track to do the same (see Built for Zero Canada, [bfzcanada.ca](http://bfzcanada.ca)) and are learning from the four U.S. communities that have already ended chronic and veteran homelessness.

OHAC is an alliance of the CMHA Thames Valley Addictions and Mental Health Services, Rotary Pathways, Domestic Abuse Services Oxford, Southwestern Public Health, Operation Sharing, Indwell, Ingamo Homes, Oxford County Community Health Centre, Oxford County Library, Salvation Army Woodstock, Social Planning Council Oxford, Tillsonburg/Ingersoll Hospital, United Way Oxford, OPP, Oxford County, private developers and citizens of Oxford County.

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## OHAC's CURRENT PRIORITY AREAS

Based on what we have learned, we are focusing on these priorities:

**1** Getting a count of people experiencing homelessness

**2** Improving the emergency shelter system

**3** Understanding the specific needs in each municipality

**4** Creating a community awareness strategy

**5** Increasing transitional and supportive housing

## What Can You Do

- **EDUCATE YOURSELF**
- Become a voice for change
- Share: Find us on social media [#endhomelessnessoxford](https://twitter.com/endhomelessnessoxford)
- Write your MPP, MP and join campaigns like: [votehousing.ca](http://votehousing.ca)
- Donate time, money, or experience to local groups/charities