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# September 2024 Newsletter

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Labrador West Housing and Homelessness Coalition units

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## NEW LOCATION - PERFECTLY CENTERED

### We have moved to Central NL!

We are excited to announce that NLHHN has relocated to Grand Falls-Windsor, a central location that allows us to better represent the rural and remote areas of Newfoundland and Labrador. If you are in the area, please stop by 83 King Street to meet our staff and check out our new shared

space- it is awesome!

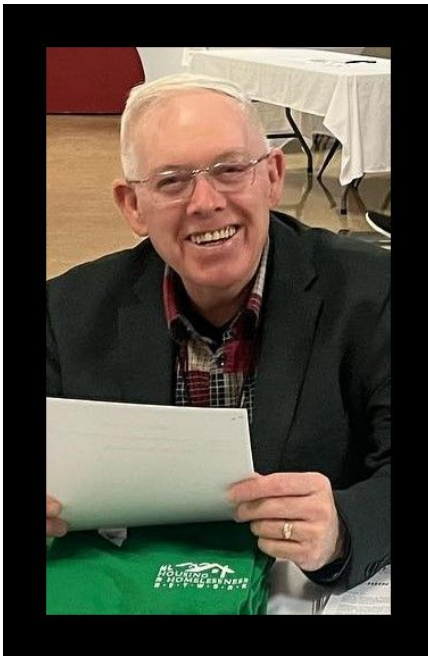
We are currently updating our website and marketing materials and we look forward to reconnecting.



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## AN APPRECIATIVE FAREWELL

We bid farewell to Cyril and express our heartfelt gratitude for his dedication over the past years. Cyril's commitment and hard work contributed immensely to the Network's vision and overall mission.



*"As I start a new chapter in my life, I wish much success to the organizations and individuals who continue to dedicate their time on addressing the issues of Housing & Homelessness in our province.*

*To the NLHHN Board of Directors, thank you for your commitment in working to move forward, the challenges facing housing & homelessness in rural & remote Newfoundland Labrador and, for your support over the past 12 years.*

*I wish much luck to the new staff. You have a solid foundation to build on and I wish you great success in your new roles."*

*-Cyril Tobin*

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## WELCOME TO THE NETWORK

Join us in welcoming the new executive director for NLHHN.

Sherri started with us this past June and brings an array of experience and education. Having worked the past 12 years for Memorial University Faculty of Medicine's Distributed Medical Education Central Stream, she values

the importance of representing our Rural and Remote population. With additional work experience at The Canadian Cancer Society and the Status of Women Central, it was clear that collaboration, support and a united approach can make the biggest impact. NLHHN represents the front-line individuals and organizations that are seeing first-hand the challenges people are facing- it is this collaboration and networking that convinced Sherri to accept her new position.



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*"My drive, passion and empathy has always enticed me to "do more" in my everyday life. Representing this Network-being the louder voice and advocating for such a significant issue, one that so many people are facing today - this is it; this is my chance to do more! This opportunity allows me to be have a key role that is dedicated to our rural and remote communities and the people they serve.*

*Sherri Chippett  
Executive Director*

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## COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

### HIGHLIGHTING OUR REGIONS

We are excited to dedicate this section of the newsletter to highlighting each of the regions represented by the NLHHN.

We collaborate with 10 community advisory boards (CABs) – boards that have volunteer representation from multiple organizations within their communities; all working toward a common goal – addressing the challenges of housing and homelessness.

Each month we will “highlight” one specific region –showcasing the amazing work the front-line workers are doing and sharing different aspects to bring awareness of the services and events taking place throughout Rural and Remote NL.

We look forward to connecting with each region and gathering the information to add to this section each month – stayed tuned and check back for October’s Highlight.

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# GOOD NEWS STORY

- *First Step Home*



"AFTER BEING HOMELESS FOR OVER A YEAR, FIRST STEP HOME OFFERED ME A PLACE TO RENT, PROVIDING THE STABILITY I DESPERATELY NEEDED. SINCE MOVING IN, MY MENTAL HEALTH HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY, THANKS TO THE SUPPORTIVE STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY KIND, PROVIDING ESSENTIAL FOOD AND SUPPLIES WHENEVER I'VE NEEDED THEM, GIVEN MY LOW INCOME. THE RENT HERE IS EXTREMELY AFFORDABLE, WITH EVERYTHING INCLUDED, WHICH HAS TAKEN A HUGE BURDEN OFF MY SHOULDERS. HAVING THIS SAFE, WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT HAS MADE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE, HELPING ME RECOVER AND REBUILD MY LIFE FASTER THAN I EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE. I OWE THIS NEWFOUND PEACE AND PROGRESS TO FIRST STEP HOME, AND I'M INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR THE FRESH START THEY'VE GIVEN ME."

-GORDON

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## NLHHN MOVING FORWARD

### SITE VISITS

With the recent move and our newly hired staff members settling in, we are motivated to connect with Remote & Rural Newfoundland and Labrador. The Executive Director will be visiting the 10 sites during the months' of September and

October and is looking forward to meeting the Housing Support Workers, the Community Advisory Committees and taking the time to see first-hand the spaces in which the services are provided. Understanding the complexity of the issues, the need for additional services and the framework for advocating to meet the needs of the Rural & Remote communities are key items which will help shape our discussions and future planning.

## THE NETWORK

The goal is to keep the front-line workers, community advisory boards and stakeholders connected, informed and supported through various resources, opportunities and collaborations. We will be reaching out, remaining active on social media (please "tag" NLHHN), updating our website, creating awareness while developing a centralized platform for sharing resources and staying connected.

As an advocate and voice for the Network, we welcome the opportunity to "sit at the table", attend meetings, join committees, collaborate and share information.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Some of the events taking place throughout Rural and Remote NL this month:



**REACH**

*Regional Action Committee on Housing  
8B Thompson Street, Clarenville, NL*



### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**SEPT 20**

Full Friday Community Meal at Reach Hub

**SEPT 24**

Bonavista Meal Outreach

**SEPT 27**

Full Friday community Meal and National Day of Truth and Reconciliation at the Reach Hub - Eastern Health FACT Team is hosting

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National Housing Day | November 22

**Housing is a Human Right**

Together we can work to eliminate homelessness

## National Housing Day

How will you promote National Housing Day this year?

The NL Housing and Homelessness Network would like to know what your plans are? email [the Outreach Coordinator](mailto:the_Outreach_Coordinator) and let us know!!

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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

This section will share any training opportunities available through collaboration of the Network and our partners.

We are currently in the process of confirming some identified training, stay tuned!

If there is any particular training you are interested in or you are a community partner offering training, we would like to hear from you. Please connect with us at [outreachcoordinator@nlhnn.org](mailto:outreachcoordinator@nlhnn.org)

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



**The Central Wellness  
Coalition is currently  
accepting  
Community Grant**



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**14th, 2024**

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something much more. We award several grants each business day.

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## REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

### Network's Board of Directors



Our Network represents ten Community Advisory Boards across the rural and remote communities.

Our goal is to have all ten CAB's represented around the table. We are currently recruiting to fill a seat in both Burin & Carbonear. If you are interested in representing your region or would like further information, reach out to Sherri at [executivedirector@nlhnh.org](mailto:executivedirector@nlhnh.org)

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## How can you help in addressing the challenges of housing & homelessness?

[Donate](#)

No matter how much you can afford to give, as a one-off donation, through regular giving, or by fundraising for charity, your donation matters. Every donation received adds up and helps charities get to work and make a positive difference.

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## October 2024 Network Newsletter

# SUBMISSION

The deadline for this months submission is Wednesday September 25,  
2024 @ 4:30PM

## What can you submit?

- Send us any information related to upcoming training, programs, events, job postings, etc. that could be of interest to community organizations and their staff.

## Submission Guidelines:

- Please submit either images and/or text exactly as you would like it to be included
- Word count of 200 words or less
- Two images per entry such as logo or poster. Either PNG or JPG
- Between 480 - 650 pixel image width and file size less than 5MB
- We can not attach videos, PDF's, Word/Excel files

Submit entries via email to  
[outreachcoordinator@nlhhn.org](mailto:outreachcoordinator@nlhhn.org)



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