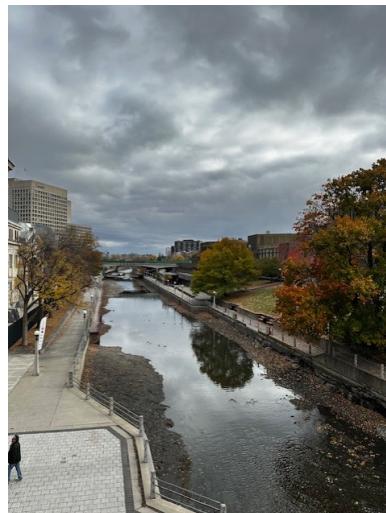




Network News

December 2025

"Decent, affordable housing should be a basic right for everybody in this country. The reason is simple: without stable shelter, everything else falls apart." — Matthew Desmond



Ottawa, ON

Network Updates

What's new with the Network?

Welcome back and Happy Holidays!

This is such a busy time of the year, whether its work or personal commitments, it always seems like there's something going on and something that needs your attention. Before we get into the details of what's happening in our communities this month, we want you to take a moment to breathe through your thoughts and focus on one thing at a time. The Holidays can be overwhelming, so make sure you take some time to reflect on what brings

you the most joy and peace and savor those moments, no matter how small they may be!

This past month we had the pleasure of attending the Housing and Homelessness Hub's event in Gander where we got to learn about everything they have going on in their community. Gander has such a strong sense of ambition, drive and commitment from everyone it's inspiring to see what they've done and their plans for the future! We heard from Government officials to learn about their commitments to their community, we heard stories from residents and staff of Journey House and Hopes Landing and we got to see the debut of a lovely video highlighting the sense of community they've established and their near plans to develop New Beginnings. We always love visiting Kimberly and their Community Advisory Board to see all the new and exciting things they have going on!

Speaking of Gander, we still feel like we're coming down from the excitement of "From Navigation to Action". It was so special to have so many people in one place together that share similar values and dreams. The conversations that were had and the connections that were made and currently steering a lot of what we're doing now - more details to share soon. ;)

In the meantime, if you weren't able to attend, or had to decide between sessions worry not! We have a Google Drive folder with all of the presentations available to view! Check them out here:

**Conference Session
Slides**

Moving Forward

What's next for the NLHHN?

So we have a new Government - What next?

With a new government, we have a great opportunity to start building new relationships to advocate for changes that will ultimately affect the housing stability in this province as a whole. We hope that these relationships will allow for opportunity for community to have an impact on what changes and how. We're looking forward to be connecting with ministers and representatives to learn about what their vision is for the 10,000 new affordable homes across NL will look like and how we can all *hopefully* work together!

There's lots of work to be done and we're eager to start sharing updates!

If you haven't checked out our Collective Advocacy Plan highlights from October, feel free to take a look here and if there is anything you feel that we've missed or would like to bring more attention to, we'd love to have a conversation!

Collective Advocacy Plan

GOOD NEWS STORY

Sharing a positive story from within the Network

Community Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

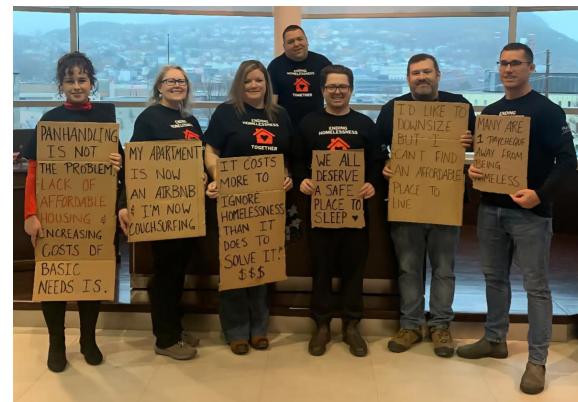
The Community Coalition on Housing & Homelessness (CCHH) participated in the recent Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Conference in Corner Brook on November 20th - 22nd.

At the MNL Trade Show, CCHH representatives had the opportunity to speak directly with mayors, councilors, and municipal staff from across the province about the work they do as frontline staff and how important it is for municipalities to work with other levels of government and concerned organizations, businesses and persons with lived experience to address the housing needs in rural and remote NL.



Members also participated in a panel discussion titled Housing, Community, and Well-Being – Working Together for Local Solutions. The session explored how housing stability, community support, and municipal leadership intersect. Panelists discussed practical approaches to advancing housing projects, strengthening local partnerships, and supporting resident well-being.

Finally, several members attended the intergovernmental Breakfast at the Corner Brook City Hall on National Housing Day to sign a National Housing Day Proclamation and to "shock" a lot of the folks that attended with the reality of many who are having difficulty making ends meet and are just barely surviving.



The CCHH would like to thank Municipalities NL for the opportunity to engage all municipal leaders and for their efforts to work collectively to address the current housing issues within our province.

"We just completed a three day clothing drive in this area. We had another successful event with all clothing, holiday decor and small appliances, furniture all donated by the community. Those who came through were so thankful for the event.

We have our Community Supper planned for January and anticipate there will be over 200 in attendance for that."

Always great to see community members come together for a fantastic event!

REACH House - Fill a Tent

"For National Housing Day we completed our Fill-A-Tent project outside of Clarenville Co-op! We would like to thank everyone who dropped by and donated non-perishable food items for our pantry, monetary donations, delivered us hot beverages to help keep warm and the friendly conversations about homelessness and those at risk in our region! We had a great day doing this initiative - regardless of the cold!

Thank you for the support!"



What's Happening

Special events happening within our Network

Christmas Community Café - Stephenville

Get ready for holiday cheer!

The Housing Stability Initiative, in partnership with many amazing community organizations, is thrilled to host our annual Christmas Community Café this **Thursday, December 11th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Stephenville Lions Club.**



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025
FROM 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
STEPHENVILLE LIONS CLUB

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS WHO
DONATED TO THIS MONTH'S CAFE.
IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



We are preparing to serve approximately 300 community members a delicious, hot

holiday meal, featuring baked ham, creamy mashed potatoes, a vegetable medley, dessert, and coffee/tea.

Plus, enjoy live music, and don't miss special appearances by Santa Claus and the Mummers!

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Winter Clothing - ANC Grand Falls-Windsor

Winter has arrived! Which means much colder temperatures that require warmer clothing!

If you find yourself and/or your family in need of Winter clothing, please reach out! We may be able to help thanks to many generous donations from various people, including a recent big donation from the St. Matthews Presbyterian Church! We thank you for your generosity and kindness!

Email: cbowers@ancnl.ca if you are in need and would like to stop by to see what we have.

Stay warm!!



From Lab West Housing and Homelessness Hub



The Labrador West Housing & Homelessness Coalition is hiring Relief Shelter Support Staff to work at our 3-bed Emergency Shelter located in Labrador West at \$25/hr on a call-in basis.

If you are an energetic individual and have a passion working in community, then this is a position for you!

What we require from you:

Experience working with vulnerable individuals experiencing mental health, addictions, homelessness and other social issues identified by the individual

Initiative to get tasks done

Ability to work alone

Empathy & compassion

Class 5 Driver's license

Use of own vehicle

Basic computer skills

Clear criminal record check

Other education & experience may be considered

If you are interested in applying, please forward your resume to hsw@crstv.net

Only those that are considered and meet the qualifications will be contacted.

Thank you for your interest.

Lifewise Workshops



The Empowered Families Workshop:

A virtual learning program designed for anyone supporting a loved one with mental health challenges, a substance use disorder, and/or addictions. While the holiday season can bring joy and connection, it can also increase stress for families. Developed and facilitated by a trained Lifewise peer supporter with lived experience, this workshop offers a supportive space for family members, close friends, and caregivers who want to learn more about helping the people they care about. This free workshop is offered through Zoom and is open to anyone living in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Date: Thursday, December 18th, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, island time

Location: Virtual, through Zoom. A meeting link will be sent via email prior to the workshop

Cozy Cups:

Herbal teas have been used for centuries to support relaxation, emotional balance, and overall well-being. While they are not a substitute for professional mental health care, they can be a comforting part of a daily self-care routine. Join our peer supporters for a special holiday-themed tea workshop and take some time to unwind, recharge, and enjoy a moment of calm during the holiday season.

Date: Monday, December 15th, 2025

Location: Lifewise, 70 the Boulevard, in front of the CNIB building

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Mental Health for the Holidays

The holiday season can bring joy, connection, and celebration—but it can also be a time of increased stress. Lifewise is offering a free virtual information session focused on maintaining mental health and wellness throughout the season. The session will include practical tips for coping with holiday stress, along with information on local supports for mental health, substance use, and addiction. This session is open to all residents of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Date: Friday, December 12th, 2025

Time: 1:00PM-2:00:PM, island time

Location: Virtual, through Zoom

[Click each session name to register](#)

Regional Representation

Network and Board Of Directors



Our Community Advisory Boards are always growing and changing and looking for fresh new perspectives from professionals, Living and Lived Experiences or Community Volunteers.

We have multiple areas that will be starting their recruiting process in the coming weeks and months. Now is the time to start thinking about if your experience or role may be of benefit to the housing and homeless sector in rural and remote NL.

Stay tuned for more details to come directly from the Community Advisory Boards themselves.

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

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.

[Donate](#)

January 2026 Network Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for this months submission is
Monday, January 12th, 2025 @ 4:00PM

What can you submit?

- Send us any information related to upcoming trainings, staff or volunteer highlights and shoutouts, 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

Or by filling out our new form!

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