



GAME CHANGERS



ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025





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Picture the roar of a Friday night crowd, jerseys and cheers filling the air, those classic scenes from youth sports movies many of us watched but never lived. For the young people at the shelter, most of whom are newcomers, such experiences were just a distant dream. No pep rallies, no team photos, just the longing for a sense of belonging.

At Youth Without Shelter (YWS), we are a team - proud to deliver sector-leading, game-changing programs and support that transform the lives of youth experiencing homelessness. Our approach is holistic, intentional, and driven by the belief that every young person deserves the opportunity to thrive.

631

YOUTH SERVED

77

YOUTH MOVED TO
INDEPENDENT
HOUSING

20,737

YWS SAFE BED
NIGHTS

"THANK YOU FOR BEING MY SAFE HAVEN AND A PLACE OF COMFORT. THIS PAST YEAR, YOU HAVE PROVIDED NOT JUST SHELTER, BUT A HOME FILLED WITH WARMTH, AND HOPE. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT AND CARE I'VE RECEIVED HERE. I HOPE TO ONE DAY BE ABLE TO GREATLY IMPACT SOMEONE'S LIFE, AS YOU HAVE MINE."

- YWS RESIDENT YOUTH



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MISSION

Empowering youth facing homelessness to reach individual potential

VISION

Ending homelessness, one youth at a time, one step at a time

PRINCIPLES

The following principles guide the execution of all we do at YWS:

- We will be adaptive and agile
- We will be informed by lived voices
- We will recognize the distinct needs of our client segments
- We will be innovative and take calculated risks
- We will be open to change
- We will work in partnership when necessary to obtain best outcomes

OUR MISSION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Carol Latimer (Chair), Anthony Battista (Vice Chair), Elysse Schlein (Treasurer), Theo Moss (Secretary), Kelly Wilson, Alyssa Shivji, Bryony Halpin, Sarah Robertson, Erin Morrison, Chris Clementoni, John Ayemoba, Mustapha Khamissa, Shelagh Lemke (Advisory Board)



STEVE DOHERTY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This past year brought many opportunities, and we had the chance to celebrate our successes. We saw the strength and resilience of our residents shine through thanks to the dedicated efforts of our staff team, leadership team, and the direction of our Board of Directors. Once again, it was a team effort. Below are just a few examples of our successes.

Thanks to the funding provided by the Provincial Government, we were able to continue our Skills Development initiatives. Over 100 youth benefited as they moved closer to employment and the completion of their education. We know how having a well-paying job can be life changing. It provides the dignity of a paycheck and financial security, something so desperately needed in these challenging economic times.

Our in-house medical and mental health services have proven to be game changers. The ability of our residents to access good quality care without leaving the front door is remarkable. This is another example of how partnerships with community agencies and foundations produce real and tangible results.

At YWS we are always looking to improve. We have always looked to find better service models, and we never rest on our laurels. Instead, we examine our practices and look to ensure our operations are based on best practice and data driven outcomes. This year we took a deeper dive by using statistical analytics to more fully examine our processes and outcomes. This work was done in conjunction with the revision of our strategic planning process. As we look to the future, we want to be sure it is informed by the past. The focus groups with our current and former residents truly informed this work and will shape our next steps.

A year ago, we began the process of looking for a new way for communities to address housing needs on a local basis. The City of Toronto chose YWS to be the lead agency for a soon to be built 51-unit supportive housing program here in North Etobicoke. YWS is working in collaboration with 5 community agencies to provide deeply affordable housing to youth exiting shelters, seniors, newcomers, and those facing the challenges of finding a place to call home, all while having the opportunity to learn and grow. With an anticipated opening in late 2026 we are looking forward to shaping new ways to tailor programs to address community needs.

I want to thank all of our incredible donors, volunteers, foundations, and corporate partners for their trust and dedication to YWS. We simply cannot succeed without you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Doherty', written in a cursive style.

CAROL LATIMER

BOARD CHAIR

It's no secret that for many of us the world feels dark and uncertain these days - and that uncertainty weighs especially heavily on the young people we serve. But in the midst of that darkness Youth Without Shelter is a beacon of light providing youth with a safe place to grow, heal, and build a better future.

This year, our board took on the exciting challenge of shaping a new strategic plan for YWS. We kicked things off with a retreat in March, and since then, we've been listening, learning, and planning with help from our consultant, and with valuable input from youth, staff, donors, and supporters. We're excited to share the new plan with you in early 2026.

As I step down as Board Chair, I want to say what an honour it has been to serve. I've had the privilege of witnessing the compassion, commitment, and drive that fuels this organization. The management team and staff have shown time and time again what extraordinary people they are, always striving to level the playing field for our youth. My heartfelt gratitude to Steve, Ben and Monika for the joy and commitment they bring to their roles. You would be hard pressed to find more dedicated and caring people.

To my fellow board members: thank you for your time, your wisdom, and your belief in this mission. And special thanks to our departing board members Sarah Robertson and Anthony Battista, your contributions over many years have meant so much.

I'm excited for what's ahead, because at YWS, the future is full of hope.

Carol Latimer



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

TORONTO HOMELESSNESS



THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED
2,000 YOUTH
FACING HOMELESSNESS
EACH NIGHT WITH
ONLY 435
EMERGENCY SHELTER
BEDS TO MEET THE NEED

TORONTO SHELTERS PROVIDE EMERGENCY
ACCOMMODATION TO APPROXIMATELY

9,000-10,000

PEOPLE. EACH NIGHT, THE SHELTER SYSTEM IS AT
CAPACITY, WITH DEMAND EXCEEDING AVAILABILITY

32%


OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
IN TORONTO WILL HAVE FIRST EXPERIENCED
HOMELESSNESS BEFORE THE AGE OF 16

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS



1 IN 5 SHELTER USERS
IN CANADA ARE YOUTH.



33% 
OF ALL FOOD BANK USERS
IN CANADA ARE CHILDREN

8% ARE POST-
SECONDARY
STUDENTS

85.4%

OF YOUTH EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS IN
CANADA FACE SEVERE
MENTAL HEALTH
CHALLENGES WITH 42%
REPORTING AT LEAST
ONE SUICIDE ATTEMPT

LESS
THAN

6%

OF YOUTH ARE
HOMELESS
BY CHOICE

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

OUR PERSPECTIVE

THE YWS BANANA MUFFINS



Think of the roar of the crowd at a Friday night high school game. The cheering fans, the jerseys, team spirit- all that great stuff. For so many, those moments are a core part of growing up and being part of something bigger, whether you're on the field or in the stands. For many of our youth, however, these experiences were missing. No pep rallies, no team bus ride, practice or locker room celebrations.

Still, the imagery was familiar to all. Many of us at the shelter, youth and staff alike, are not originally from Canada, but we've seen those scenes play out countless times in American movies. Some of us even lived them before life took an abrupt turn. This blend of nostalgia and curiosity has made the absence feel even sharper.

One thing was clear: YWS youth had a great passion for soccer, and many youth were quite talented. Could these elements be leveraged and a team built to challenge other, established teams in organized leagues? Our youth certainly seemed to think so. And so, the Banana Muffins were born.

Many wonder where the name of the team came from. I can share with confidence that the meaning behind it is so complex, so nuanced, and so poetic in its construction that I dare not share it with you. So I won't. You'll just have to take my word for it: it definitely wasn't a flippant joke about a Tim Horton's product that just stuck. Absolutely not that.

What came after was even more remarkable.

The training sessions began, though not always on time, not always organized, but always full of heart. A sense of purpose emerged, and with it, real camaraderie. Some players even started changing habits: cutting back on smoking, eating better, staying active between games. The Banana Muffins began to take themselves and each other seriously.

We got uniforms, replicas of the Canadian national team kits. For many of our newcomer youth, wearing that jersey meant more than just being on a team: it meant belonging. Many proudly sent photos of themselves pointing to the emblem on the jersey to families back home, as a symbol of their roots taking hold in their new home.

AND THE FANS CAME. OH, DID THEY COME.

The team had 12 players, but each week, at least 25 people showed up in support, including current shelter residents, former residents, and staff. Fans fashioned pompoms out of garbage bags, made handmade signs, and proudly wore matching colours. Some even became unofficial support staff, showing up early to help set up, carry gear, or hand out fruit slices at halftime. It became something the whole shelter owned together.

The first few games? Rough. As expected. But then... things started to click.

CHEMISTRY GREW. TALENT EMERGED. BELIEF SET IN. AND SUDDENLY, WE WERE UNBEATEN FOR TWO WHOLE MONTHS.

I'll never forget the day we faced the top team in the league, undefeated, dominant, and previously responsible for handing us two humbling losses. But this time was different. This time, we fought hard, played smart, and pulled off a stunning 2-1 victory. Their first defeat.

The celebrations were electric. They carried all the way back to the shelter, where the players were greeted with cheers and high fives like returning heroes. That moment, the sense of collective accomplishment, of shared triumph, was immeasurable. We didn't win the whole thing. A deep playoff run ended with a hard-fought loss to the eventual champions. But that didn't matter. The season was a triumph in every way that counted.

Many of us have watched the drama of American teen sports flicks unfold on screen. But living one in real life, with our own team, our own colours, our own soundtrack of laughter, shouting, and sheer joy, that was something else entirely.

- Moe , YWS Operations Manager

YOUR IMPACT



18,912

SAFE BED NIGHTS

96,725

HEALTHY MEALS
AND SNACKS

1,827

CASE MANAGEMENT
MEETINGS

42

CALLS FOR OPEN
BEDS
ON AVERAGE DAY



YWS Community Engagement Specialist

This year, YWS introduced the Community Engagement Specialist, a new role dedicated to enhancing youth well-being through leisure, sport, and creative programming. This pilot position has already been a success, offering youth consistent opportunities to build resilience, strengthen coping skills, and connect in meaningful ways. From wellness workshops and yoga to art, music, book clubs, and cultural outings, the role has created spaces for youth to explore new interests and advance their therapeutic goals - equipping them with tools they can carry long after their time at YWS.



"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME INTO THE SHELTER AND LEAD YOGA SESSIONS FOR US. IT HONESTLY MEANS MORE THAN YOU PROBABLY REALIZE. A LOT OF US HERE ARE GOING THROUGH REALLY PERSONAL AND HEAVY SITUATIONS - WHETHER IT'S FAMILY ISSUES, MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLES, OR JUST TRYING TO FIGURE LIFE OUT DAY BY DAY. HAVING THE CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE YOGA GIVES US A BREAK FROM THE STRESS AND HELPS US RECONNECT WITH OUR BODIES AND MINDS. IT'S NOT JUST A DISTRACTION, IT'S A FORM OF HEALING. SO THANK YOU, TRULY, FOR SHOWING UP FOR US. YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE."
- YWS RESIDENT YOUTH

HELIXHOUSE

1,825

SAFE BED NIGHTS

9

YOUTH SERVED

707:50

HOURS SPENT ON
YOUTH MEETINGS



"LIVING AT HELIX HOUSE WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE. I ENJOYED IT A LOT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT'S LOCATED IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN, AND EVERYTHING WAS SO CONVENIENT. HELIX HOUSE SUPPORTED ME IN MANY WAYS - WEEKLY GROCERIES, GROCERY CARDS, DELICIOUS MEALS EVERY WEEK, MONTHLY PRESTO CARDS TO HELP ME GET TO SCHOOL, AND WHATEVER ELSE I NEEDED. THE HELIX MANAGER TREATED US LIKE FAMILY, ALWAYS MAKING SURE WE FELT CARED FOR AND SUPPORTED."

- FORMER HELIX HOUSE RESIDENT YOUTH

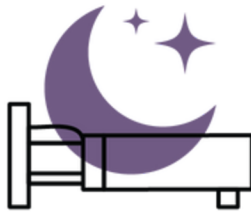


THE HELIXPROJECT

The Helix Project is an exciting new initiative designed to enhance our vision to end youth homelessness. As we move forward, YWS will continue to expand to provide at-risk youth with an equal opportunity to excel and to offer safe, supportive and affordable shelter for those in need. The Helix Project will encompass the mission and vision of YWS, while incorporating new solutions for housing within the GTA and beyond. Founded upon the principles that guide our work, The Helix Project will lead us on this journey of evolution as YWS continues to grow over the years to come.

YWS SHELTER

FOR YOUTH AGES 16 - 24



EMERGENCY RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

**33 EMERGENCY
SHELTER BEDS**



STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

**20-BED LONG-TERM
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**
FOR YOUTH COMPLETING THEIR
EDUCATION

SUPPORTING PROGRAMS



LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM



EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

HOUSING AND AFTER-CARE PROGRAM



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

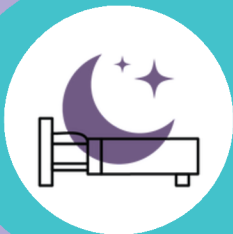
EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM



OUR PROGRAMS

How We Collect and Use Data to Ensure Fiscal Transparency and Program Success

At Youth Without Shelter, we prioritize data collection as a key component of our commitment to fiscal transparency and accountability. Our management team gather and monitor data daily to track and analyze our programs and services. Consistent management of our data collection is imperative to showcase the true impact of your donations, giving you confidence that every contribution is making a meaningful difference.



EMERGENCY RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

- Offers emergency accommodation for up to 33 youth each night
- Provides youth with crisis counselling, safe shelter, nutritious food, new clothing, and hygiene products



"I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR [MY CASE WORKER'S] OUTSTANDING SUPPORT AND DEDICATION. HER COMMITMENT TO MY WELL-BEING AND HER UNDERSTANDING OF MY SITUATION HAD POSITIVE IMPACT DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME. ESPECIALLY THROUGH MY REFUGEE PROCESS. THANK YOU SO MUCH, I APPRECIATE HER QUALITIES, PROFESSIONALISM AND PATIENCE."

- YWS RESIDENT YOUTH

110

YOUTH CALLED
YWS HOME

STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

- A 20-bed long-term transitional housing program for youth dedicated to completing their education
- Youth receive guidance from our case management team, one-on-one tutoring support, transit fare, textbooks, and bursaries to cover educational costs



52

SIS YOUTH CALLED
YWS HOME

9

GRADUATES

"I CAME TO THE STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM AT YWS WITH LITTLE HOPE. BUT I JUST GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE! NOW I HAVE SO MUCH HOPE."

- YWS RESIDENT YOUTH





EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

- Provides individual support for each youth to elevate their confidence and support them in overcoming multiple barriers to employment

173

YOUTH SERVED

25

YOUTH EMPLOYED

30

YOUTH WITH VOLUNTEER
EXPERIENCE



"I ARRIVED IN CANADA WITH NO STATUS AND FOUND A SAFE PLACE AT THE SHELTER. FROM THERE, MY JOURNEY BEGAN. THE SHELTER SUPPORTED ME IN SO MANY WAYS - HELPING ME GET MY WORK PERMIT, GUIDING ME TO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, AND PROVIDING INVALUABLE SUPPORT. TODAY, I'M PROUD TO SAY I'VE SECURED TWO JOBS AND HAVE HOUSING THROUGH YWS. I AM BEYOND GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE RESOURCES AND ENCOURAGEMENT I'VE RECEIVED ALONG THE WAY. THIS SHELTER HAS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL PART OF MY JOURNEY, AND I TRULY COULDN'T HAVE COME THIS FAR WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT."

- YWS RESIDENT YOUTH

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

- Provides current and former residents vital life skills training and support such as communication skills, grocery shopping, meal planning, nutrition, time management, budgeting, and financial management



111

NUMBER OF
YOUTH
SERVED

"WHEN I WAS MOVING, I WAS REALLY NERVOUS BECAUSE I HAD NEVER LIVED ALONE BEFORE, AND I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE MY HOUSING AND COME BACK TO THE SHELTER, SO I KEPT MEETING WITH THE LIFE SKILLS TEAM TO TALK ABOUT MANAGING A BUDGET. THEY REALLY SHOWED ME HOW IMPORTANT CREDIT WAS BECAUSE NOBODY EVER TAUGHT ME HOW TO DO IT BEFORE. I NOW TALK ABOUT CREDIT WITH MY FRIENDS AND LITTLE SISTER SINCE I KNOW NOW!"

- YWS RESIDENT YOUTH





MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

- Provides structural framework to establish a pathway of care for youth in crisis and for youth needing ongoing therapeutic support



"THE BEST PART OF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AT YW\$ IS THAT SUPPORT IS ALWAYS THERE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL WHEN YOU NEED HELP OR WAIT FOR AN APPOINTMENT."

- YW\$ RESIDENT YOUTH

78

NUMBER OF
YOUTH SERVED

HOUSING AND AFTER-CARE PROGRAM

- Focuses on placing each youth into safe, stable, affordable housing to prevent relapse back into homelessness
- Our After-Care program offers continuing mental health support, counselling, regular check-ins with youth and introductions to community resources



269

YOUTH SERVED

581

FOOD BANK
VISITS

77

YOUTH HOUSED

"THE HOUSING AND AFTERCARE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN A BIG BLESSING TO ME. I'VE LIVED AT YOUTH WITHOUT SHELTER FROM 2014 TO 2015 FOR ROUGHLY EIGHT MONTHS. HAVING GONE ON AND TRANSITIONED INTO SHARING AN APARTMENT AND THEN LIVING INDEPENDENTLY, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS ASSISTED IN MAKING SURE THAT MY TRANSITIONS WERE SEAMLESS. THEY PROVIDED ME WITH AN EASE OF MIND AND COMFORT KNOWING I CAN CALL FOR HELP AT ANY GIVEN TIME, WHETHER IT BE FOR ASSISTANCE WITH MY LANDLORD OR JUST TO GET A HYGIENE/FOOD PACKAGE."

- FORMER YW\$ RESIDENT YOUTH



SUPPORTING PROGRAMS

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

- A preventative approach to youth homelessness that breaks down stereotypes around important social issues and builds knowledge and empathy within our community



23

WORKSHOPS

150

STUDENTS
REACHED

462

NUMBER OF TOTAL
PARTICIPANTS



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

- We offer a range of volunteer opportunities for individuals, families, and corporate groups who want to make a difference in our community

561

VOLUNTEER
ENGAGEMENTS

2744

VOLUNTEERS

9974

HOURS
VOLUNTEERED



"HONESTLY, MY EXPERIENCE WAS LIFE-CHANGING. SINCE LEARNING ABOUT YWS AT THE COVER ME URBAN EVENT, I KNEW THIS ORGANIZATION WAS SPECIAL. EVERY OPPORTUNITY I GET TO GIVE BACK TO YOUTH WITHOUT SHELTER I DO IT. FROM BIWEEKLY DONATIONS, TO SHOWING UP AT EVENTS, TO THE CHEF FOR THE DAY PROGRAM - I AM SO HAPPY TO SUPPORT AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS GIVING BACK TO THE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY."
- STEPHEN CABRAL, RBC

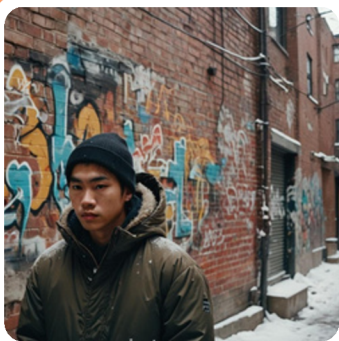




2024/2025 EVENTS

HOMELESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

TOTAL RAISED
\$534,000



Home for the Holidays

This past year, thanks to your generosity and compassion, we were able to raise a total of \$534,000 this holiday season to support the youth who call YWS home! Together, we've made a powerful impact: with every dollar donated and matched - up to \$270,000 thanks to a group of generous benefactors - we've strengthened our fight to end youth homelessness and helped youth on their journey toward a brighter, more secure future.



NEILSON PARK



CREATIVE CENTRE

TOTAL RAISED
\$47,033

**TIME4
CHANGE**



Time4Change

This year's theme was "The Space Between" Together, we viewed works of art from YWS youth as well as members of our community with the goal of breaking down stereotypes and thereby inspiring positive change in the world around us. It was a really special event for all involved, and we are so grateful to everyone who made it possible.

Mar
22

2025

PRESENTED BY



SPONSORED BY



2023/2024 FINANCIALS

MONIKA FOX
DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY

HONOURING YOUR TRUST THROUGH TRANSPARENCY

One of the most rewarding parts of working at YWS is welcoming supporters into our story, whether through tours of our shelter or the conversations we share along the way. I'm often asked why I choose to work here, and for me, the answer is clear: transparency, accountability, and impact.

At YWS, our philanthropy team takes pride in being meticulous stewards of your generosity. Every donation is tracked, invested wisely, and directed where it creates the most meaningful change.

We're equally committed to the relationships behind the gifts. From corporations making multi-year pledges to volunteers giving their heart and time, we ensure that every supporter feels recognized and valued. That's why, with your trust, we've achieved remarkable milestones: raising more than \$3M in non-government revenue for the first time, doubling our fundraising capacity since launching the philanthropy team, and building a loyal community of donors and volunteers who stand beside us year after year.

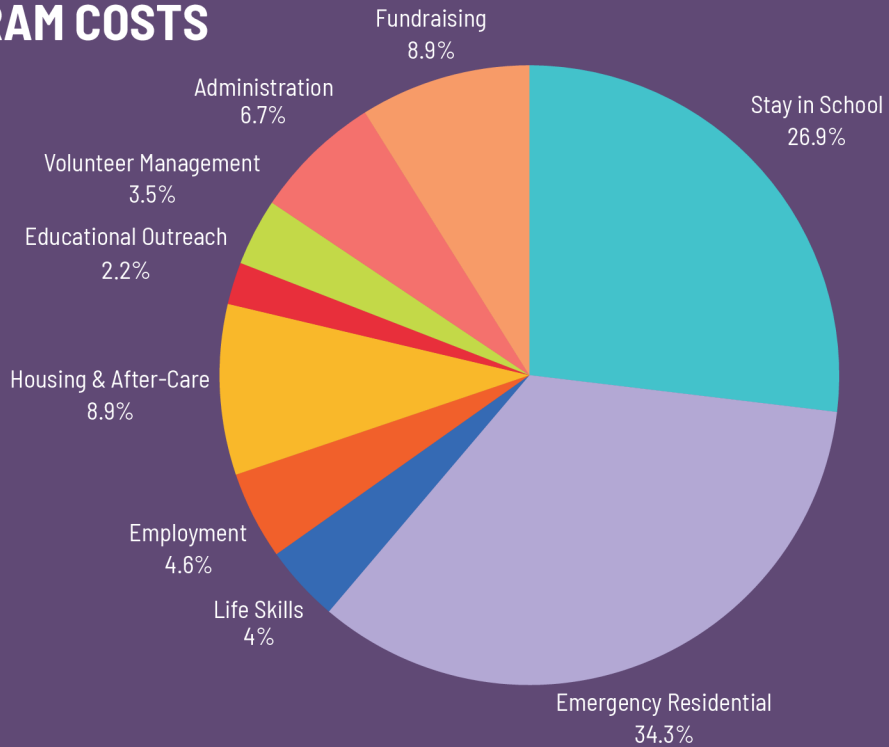
Your belief in us fuels everything we do. We are deeply grateful for your continued trust in YWS, as together we build transparency into action, and generosity into lasting impact.

Revenue:
\$5,769,525

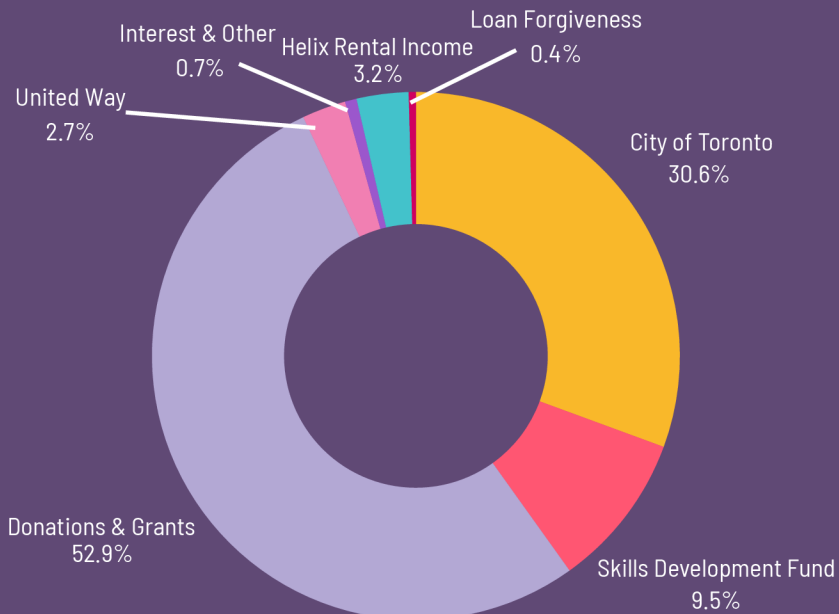
Expenses:
\$5,577,742

YWS Administrative costs are 7% and fundraising costs are 9% of our overall budget

PROGRAM COSTS



REVENUES



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Fiscal 2024-2025 Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Operations included are from the Audited Financial Statements of YWS (auditor: Adams + Miles Chartered Professional Accountants). A copy of the entire Audited Financial Statements may be obtained by calling Youth Without Shelter's Executive Director, Steve Doherty at 416-748-0110 ext. 23 or by going to our website at www.yws.on.ca.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MARCH 31, 2025

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
<i>CURRENT ASSETS</i>		
Cash	1,108,966	709,418
Investments	933,515	874,227
Accounts receivable	85,545	104,118
Prepaid expenses and deposits	78,145	110,481
	2,206,171	1,798,244
Property and equipment	5,318,298	5,660,341
	7,524,469	7,458,585
LIABILITIES		
<i>CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	196,428	221,977
Vendor take-back mortgage payable	-	1,200,00
Current portion of forgivable loan from City of Toronto	25,000	25,000
Current portion of mortgage loan payable	13,370	-
Deferred revenues	529,422	276,299
	764,220	1,723,276
Mortgage loan payable	1,209,657	-
Forgivable loan from City of Toronto	2,408,333	2,433,333
Deferred property and equipment grants	951,700	1,116,024
	5,333,910	5,272,633
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	184,900	9,125
Contingency Reserve Fund	1,290,844	1,290,844
Invested in property and equipment	714,815	885,983
	2,190,559	2,185,952
	7,524,469	7,458,585

To ensure transparency with donors, a minimum of three years of our Annual Impact Reports and Audited Financial Statements are posted on the YWS website along with year-over-year statistical outcomes in key support programs.

The following Statement of Operations reflects the total revenues and expenditures included in the Audited Financial Statements. Note: The expenditures have been re-categorized by program function as reported to the City of Toronto annually.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

	2025	2024
REVENUES		
Contributions		
Donations and fundraising	1,804,821	1,466,150
Grants	1,400,621	1,284,845
City of Toronto		
Per diem fees	1,680,395	1,680,395
Community Housing Support	102,500	100,000
Skills Development Funds	548,880	364,065
Rental income	183,350	179,864
Interest and other	41,183	61,384
Loan forgiveness	25,000	25,000
Total Revenue	5,769,525	5,161,703
EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits	3,427,698	2,995,042
Administrative and operational		
Materials and services	807,386	752,199
Residents' needs	226,456	259,127
Food services	272,537	235,316
Skills Development Fund	120,270	91,427
Transportation, insurance and other	111,272	58,382
Property management and building		
Building maintenance services	368,593	322,374
Utilities and property tax	64,533	73,682
Interest on vendor take-back mortgage payable	178,997	101,225
Total Expenses	5,577,742	4,888,774
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	191,783	272,929
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	2,185,952	2,097,617
Net Assets End of the Year	2,190,559	2,185,952

CELEBRATING OUR SUPPORTERS

Youth Without Shelter thanks the following generous individuals, corporations, foundations, faith communities, agencies, schools, businesses and service clubs who have made an exceptional monetary gift of \$1,000 or more in the last fiscal year to support our residents and the home they live in. If you have any questions regarding the financial results for YWS, please contact our Executive Director Steve Doherty at 416-748-0110 ext 23.

DONATIONS OVER \$1,000,000

City of Toronto

DONATIONS BETWEEN

\$100,000 AND \$999,999

Aubrey & Marla Dan Foundation

Jewish Foundation Of Greater

Toronto: UJA Federation

Pattison Outdoor

Province of Ontario: Skills

Development Fund

The Fyfe Foundation

The Home Depot Canada Foundation

United Way Greater Toronto

DONATIONS BETWEEN \$50,000

AND \$99,999

Anonymous (4)

Azrieli Foundation

Estate of Mary Leone Menard

Ward Family Foundation

DONATIONS BETWEEN \$25,000

AND \$49,999

Alanco Investments

Catherine and Maxwell Meighen

Foundation, The

DBDG (Dream Big Do Good)

Foundation

Echo Foundation

Hudbay Minerals Inc.

J.P. Bickell Foundation

Lactalis Canada

Mantella Corporation

Michael "Pinball" Clemons

Foundation

North York Harvest Food Bank

Optimize Wealth Management

Otto and Marie Pick Foundation

Overstrom Family Foundation

Scotiabank

State Street Foundation

Tangerine

The Bedolfe Foundation

Tippet Foundation

W.C. Kitchen Family Foundation

DONATIONS BETWEEN \$10,000

AND \$24,999

Anonymous (4)

Airlie Foundation

Aston Family Foundation

Bickle-Wilder Foundation, The

Concert Properties Ltd.

David and Susan Lucas

DBRS Morningstar Limited

Frederick and Douglas Dickson

Memorial Foundation

Haick Family Fund

Hodgson Family Foundation

Ilia Ladouceur

Leah Battista Foundation

Mariani Metal Fabricators Limted

Masco Corporation

MFS Investment Management

Canada Ltd.

Michael Gallimore and Cecile

Peterkin

Molson Coors Canada

Ontario Trillium Fund

Powelson Youth Fund

Regan McGrath

Remembering Otto and Marie Pick

Charitable Foundation

Robert Hambley

Robert Kerr Foundation

Second Harvest

Sharon Baptista

TD Securities Underwriting Hope

Foundation

TD Wealth Private Investment Advice

Temerty Foundation

The Hustler Young Men's Bible Class

Foundation

The John Patrick Colfer Family

Foundation

The McLean Foundation

TSX Inc./TMX Group

Urth Expeditions

Yorkdale Toyota

DONATIONS BETWEEN \$5,000

AND \$9,999

Anonymous (3)

Air Canada Foundation

Andrew Le Feuvre

Chris and Alan Bromstein

Chrystopher M. Sly Chiropractic

Professional Corporation

Clear Trust Mortgages Inc.

Dybka Family

Gary & Heidi Weddel

Glenrose Foundation at Toronto

Foundation

Grant Thornton Foundation

Humber Valley United Church

I.A.T.S.E. Local 873

Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals Canada

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APPENDIX

YOY Progress – A Comparative Snapshot of Our Impact	2023	2024	2025
Youth Resided YWS	147	149	171
Youth Resided Helix House	5	5	5
Safe Bed Nights YWS	14,965	16,825	18,912
Safe Bed Nights Helix House	755	1,825	1,825
Healthy Hot Meals and Snacks Provided YWS	74,825	84,125	96,725
Case Manager Meetings YWS	630	1,359	1,827
Number of Graduates from the Stay in School Program	4	6	9
Number of Youth Employed through the Employment Program	38	44	25
Number of YWS Food Bank Visits	341	733	581
Number of Youth Moved to Independent Living	28	65	77

Looking Closer

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1. The number of youth served

- The number of safe nights provided and youth residing at YWS has shown a modest increase, reflecting our ongoing commitment to strengthening individualized case management plans.
- The number of returning youth remains very low, a direct result of our housing department's success in securing safe, stable housing. This work is reinforced by our after-care team, who continue supporting youth in their homes and communities, including accompanying them to medical appointments when needed. This holistic model is unique to YWS and has consistently delivered strong outcomes.
- YWS is recognized within the sector for its exceptional, individualized care. Other shelters frequently refer or transfer youth to us when they face significant challenges that require more intensive, specialized support.
- While YWS aims to reduce the overall length of stay for each youth, our approach is guided by individual needs and circumstances. Our priority is ensuring that youth transition out of the shelter successfully and sustainably.
- The number of case management meetings increased this year, as one of our staff members was able to return to work following an extended leave of absence.

2. Graduates

- The number of graduates increased this year, largely due to a younger demographic participating in our Stay in School program. All participants successfully graduated from high school. It is important to note that the number of graduates is calculated based on the youth residing at YWS at the time of graduation and does not represent the total number of youth who engaged with the program throughout the year.

3. Youth employed

- The number of youth employed fluctuates each year, reflecting the demographic of youth residing at YWS during that period. Employment outcomes are influenced by factors such as immigration status (refugee versus citizen), age (younger youth aged 16-19 versus young adults aged 21-24), and the broader social, economic, and political climate, all of which directly affect mental health, job availability, and opportunities for youth experiencing homelessness, many of whom may lack formal skillsets.
- To address these barriers, YWS prioritizes employment readiness by enrolling youth in certificate programs and fostering connections with employers. As recipients of the Skills Development Fund, we are building on this foundation and expect to see employment outcomes continue to trend upward in the coming year.

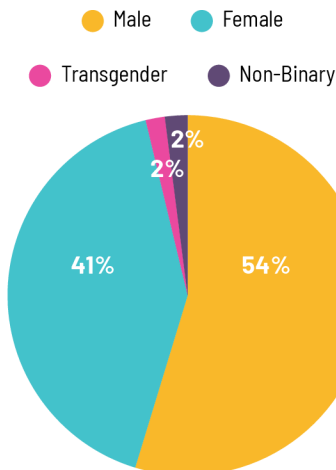
4. Youth Housed

- The number of youth housed continues to trend upward as our housing department builds strong relationships with local landlords. Housing outcomes are also dependent on the availability of subsidies such as COHB and OW. Unfortunately, in today's economy, minimum-wage jobs, often the primary employment available to our youth, do not provide enough income to cover both rent and food, even in shared accommodations. This reality underscores the ongoing need for housing subsidies.
- Our after-care team plays a critical role in ensuring youth remain stably housed. Remarkably, 98% of youth supported by the department continue to maintain stable housing and do not return to the shelter system. This is the ultimate goal of YWS: preventing chronic homelessness. It is an area in which our shelter excels, even if it sometimes means youth remain with us longer. We prioritize ensuring each young person is fully prepared to transition into steady, independent living, setting them up for long-term success and affordable housing options.

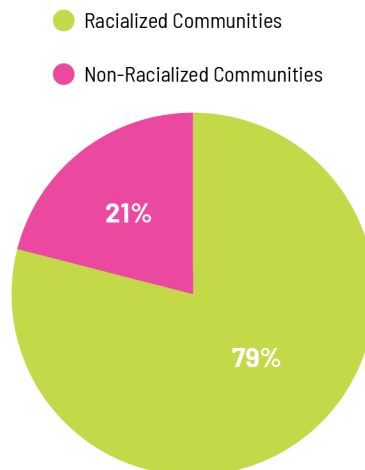
5. Staff resources

- Delivering individualized care requires a larger, multidisciplinary team with expertise in employment, mental health, and life skills. Although this model is sometimes undervalued by sector ranking platforms that rely heavily on self-reported statistics, it remains central to our philosophy and practice. As sector leaders, we prioritize long-term outcomes over short-term metrics, with the ultimate goal of preventing youth from re-entering the shelter system or experiencing chronic homelessness. YWS has 38 dedicated full time staff.

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