



YOUTH
WITHOUT SHELTER

RISEUP



ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026





TOGETHER WE RISE

We believe every young person has the strength, determination, and potential to shape their own future.

Rising up doesn't mean facing challenges alone. It means having the right support, opportunities, and people around you to keep moving forward - even when the path isn't easy.

Through safe housing, individualized support, mental health care, education, life skills, employment opportunities, and more, YWS helps youth overcome barriers and work toward their goals. This year, we celebrate the young people who continue to rise, grow, and move forward, and the staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners who stand beside them every step of the way.

Still we rise. Together.

753

YOUTH SERVED

73

YOUTH MOVED TO
INDEPENDENT
HOUSING

20,976

YWS SAFE BED
NIGHTS

**"THANK YOU FOR NEVER
GIVING UP ON ME**

**AND FOR CHANGING THE COURSE OF MY
LIFE. I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL"**

- YWS RESIDENT YOUTH

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MISSION

Empower youth facing homelessness to reach their individual potential

VISION

A community where all youth have accessible pathways to independence and a safe place to call home

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:

Erin Morrison (Chair), Carol Latimer (Vice Chair), Elysse Schlein (Treasurer), Theo Moss (Secretary), Kelly Wilson, Shelagh Lemke, Bryony Halpin, Jaskaran Grewal, Susan Gans, Chris Clementoni, John Ayemoba, Mustapha Khamissa, Alyssa Shivji (Advisory Board)



STEVE DOHERTY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Each year, I find myself searching for the right topic for my annual report. This year was no different, but for a very different reason. It wasn't because we lacked accomplishments, initiatives, or milestones to reflect upon. Quite the opposite. This past year brought an extraordinary number of projects and priorities that challenged us to examine how we deliver our services today and, more importantly, how we can prepare for the needs of tomorrow.

We embarked on a series of initiatives designed to challenge ourselves and strengthen the organization. We examined our staffing schedules to determine how we could provide our youth with more consistent care and support. We began a comprehensive review of our strategic plan. And then we took an even deeper look at our standard operating procedures to ensure that we were delivering the highest-quality, most consistent services possible.

Importantly, we didn't do this in isolation. We listened. We engaged current and former residents, members of our staff team, community stakeholders, and our Board of Directors. We brought their experiences and perspectives into the conversation and combined them with the real-time data we collect every day to better understand our effectiveness and, ultimately, improve our outcomes.

That process was not always easy. Looking inward requires courage. It means being willing to question long-standing practices, acknowledge where we can do better, and accept uncomfortable truths when the evidence points in that direction. We chose to do exactly that. And at the end of that process, we were left with a simple but powerful realization: We can do better.

That is not a criticism of the work that has come before. It is a commitment to what comes next. The needs of young people are constantly changing, and organizations like ours must be willing to change with them. Our responsibility is not simply to maintain the services we provide today, but to continually redefine what effective youth support can, and should look like.

To our entire staff team and Board of Directors: thank you. Thank you for your time, your effort, your honesty, and your willingness to do the hard work of making YWS better. We will continue to look inward, challenge ourselves, listen to our youth, follow the data, and pursue better outcomes. Because YWS will never be satisfied with simply being a youth shelter.

We will continue to redefine what a youth shelter can be.

ERIN MORRISON BOARD CHAIR

Forty years ago, a small group of people believed that no young person should have to face homelessness alone. It's still true today, and more than ever in our 40th year, YWS strives not only to shelter each resident, but to empower them to build their best future through education and skills training.

This year, YWS released a new five-year strategic plan. It sets a bold path for YWS to 2031: expanding housing, deepening our case management model, building new pathways to education and employment, and growing the partnerships that make progress possible. The new strategic plan is a practical roadmap, but it is also a hopeful and ambitious vision focused on YWS youth thriving into adulthood with good careers.

Much of the expertise and energy driving YWS toward that vision comes from Executive Director Steve Doherty, to whom the board is very grateful. I also want to thank Bryony Halpin, who led the committee work with skill and heart, and Monika and Brittany, who made that plan smarter and more beautiful.

Thank you to my fellow board members for your diligence and compassion. I especially want to thank past-chair Carol Latimer, who gave an exceptional amount of her time and talent to YWS, as well as Kelly, Theo, and Elysse. YWS is stronger for the expertise and compassion you gave.

Finally, to our donors and partners: thank you for generously supporting the youth who need you. It is humbling to serve an organization that has your trust.

Onward to a fresh year of youth Rising Up.



BY THE NUMBERS

REPORTING HAS FOUND THAT

80,000+

ONTARIANS WERE KNOWN TO BE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN 2024. THIS NUMBER COULD TRIPLE WITHIN A DECADE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN HOUSING, RESOURCES, AND SUPPORTS.

50%

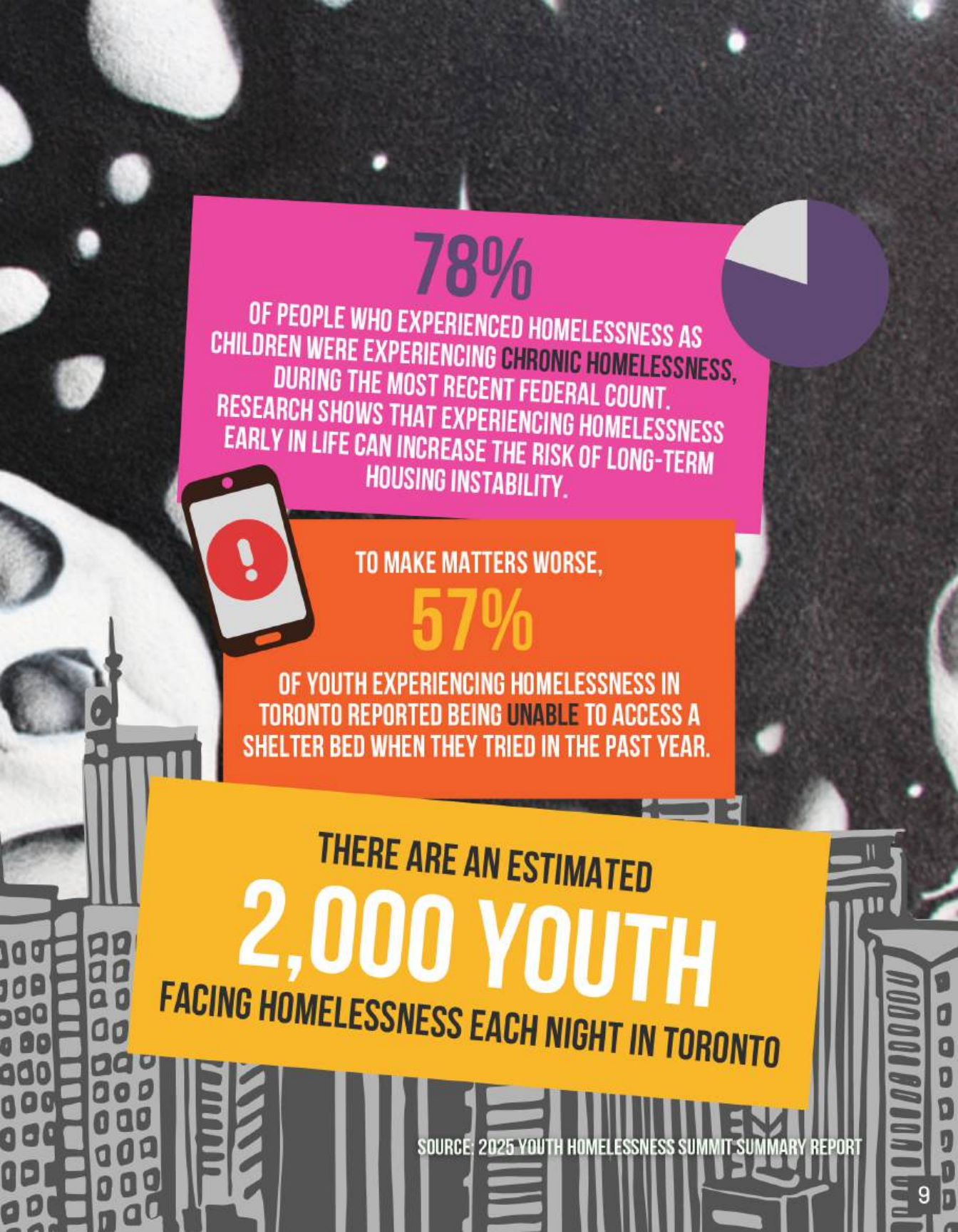
OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE NOW EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, UP FROM 20% NEARLY A DECADE AGO.

NEARLY

25%

OF THESE ONTARIANS EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 24





78%

OF PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS AS CHILDREN WERE EXPERIENCING **CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS**, DURING THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL COUNT. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS EARLY IN LIFE CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF LONG-TERM HOUSING INSTABILITY.



TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE,

57%

OF YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN TORONTO REPORTED BEING **UNABLE TO ACCESS A SHELTER BED** WHEN THEY TRIED IN THE PAST YEAR.

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED
2,000 YOUTH
FACING HOMELESSNESS EACH NIGHT IN TORONTO

SOURCE: 2025 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SUMMIT SUMMARY REPORT

YOUTH PERSPECTIVE



When I first arrived at youth without shelter on April 9, 2026, I was leaving behind one of the most difficult chapters of my life. I was scared, overwhelmed and unsure of what my future would look like. Walking through those doors wasn't easy, but from the moment I arrived, I was met with kindness, compassion, and people who genuinely wanted to help. Over the past few months, YWS became so much more than a shelter to me. It became a place where I could begin to heal, regain my confidence, and start believing in myself again. The staff created an environment where I felt safe, heard, respected. They celebrated my successes, supported me through setbacks, and reminded me that I wasn't facing everything alone. Some of my favorite memories aren't just the big milestones - they're the everyday moments. The conversations in the office, the laughter with staff, the jokes that made difficult days easier, and the people who took time to ask how I was doing. These moments helped turn a difficult period in my life into one filled with hope, connection, and genuine care.

The support I received went far beyond having a place to sleep. I had people who advocated for me, encouraged me, listened to me without judgement, helped me work toward housing, employment, and my goals, and believed in me even when I struggled to believe in myself.

one of the greatest gifts YWS gave me was the confidence to keep moving forward. Today, I'm leaving with my own apartment, a fresh start, and the chance to be reunited with my cats. That moment represents so much more than housing, it represents healing, resilience, and the beginning of a new chapter. I know there will always be challenges ahead, but because of my experience at YWS, I feel stronger, more hopeful, and better prepared for whatever comes next. To everyone at YWS, thank you for making such a lasting impact on my life. Thank you for your laughter, and your unwavering support. I will always carry these memories with me, and I'll never forget the people who helped me rebuild my life when I needed it most. YWS will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for helping me find hope again.



YOUR IMPACT



19,186

SAFE BED NIGHTS

96,725

HEALTHY MEALS
AND SNACKS

2,236

CASE MANAGEMENT
MEETINGS

70

CALLS FOR OPEN
BEDS
ON AVERAGE DAY

HELIXHOUSE

1,790

SAFE BED NIGHTS

6

YOUTH SERVED

248

HOURS SPENT ON
YOUTH MEETINGS



WARDLAW RESIDENCES

Wardlaw Residences, opening in November 2026, is a 51-unit supportive housing building in Rexdale, created as a community-based response to the local housing crisis. All units are Rent-Geared-to-Income and provide residents with private, self-contained apartments that support independence and dignity.

YWS is the lead operator, providing tenant services, facility management, food security programming, and administrative oversight, alongside community partners who provide additional supports. As landlord partners, Midaynta Community Services and Delta Family Resource Centre support building operations, tenant services, rent collection, and culturally responsive food and grocery programs for seniors.



Approximately half of residents are seniors, with the remaining tenants including youth ages 18–24, adults, and newcomers. All residents have experienced homelessness.

Beyond housing, Wardlaw fosters community and connection through shared meals, cooking and employment-readiness programs, wellness activities, and intergenerational initiatives. YWS also partners with ReConnect Health Services to provide additional health and wellness supports.

What is Supportive Housing?

Supportive housing is permanent, affordable housing paired with voluntary, wrap-around support services. It is designed for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and face complex challenges like mental health or substance use issues, physical disabilities, or cognitive impairments

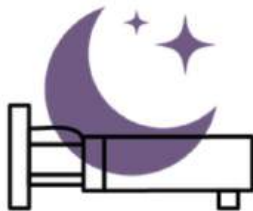


COMING SOON!

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

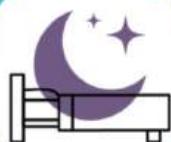
EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM



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

"A SHELTER WASN'T THE CHAPTER I WANTED, BUT IT BECAME THE CHAPTER THAT MADE ME STRONGER. I RECEIVED THE SUPPORT I DIDN'T HAVE GROWING UP, AND THAT SUPPORT OPENED DOORS TO A FUTURE I CAN BELIEVE IN"

- YWS RESIDENT YOUTH

156

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 and mentorship, transit fare, laptops and textbooks



41

SIS YOUTH CALLED
YWS HOME

13

GRADUATES

"ANYTHING I NEEDED- WHETHER IT WAS GUIDANCE, ENCOURAGEMENT, OR SOMEONE TO TALK TO- THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE THERE TO SUPPORT ME. THEIR SUPPORT PLAYED A BIG PART IN HELPING ME STAY MOTIVATED AND REACH MY GOAL OF GRADUATING."

- YWS RESIDENT YOUTH

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

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



170

YOUTH SERVED

50

YOUTH EMPLOYED

13

YOUTH WITH VOLUNTEER
EXPERIENCE

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



131

NUMBER OF
YOUTH SERVED

173

NUMBER OF YOUTH
ACTIVITIES AND
OUTINGS





MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

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

599

NUMBER OF
MEETINGS

461

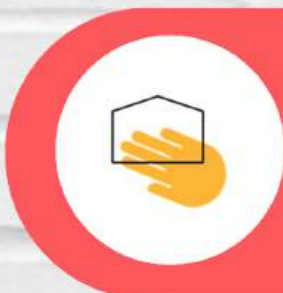
NUMBER OF
HOURS SPENT
ON MEETINGS

146

NUMBER OF
YOUTH SERVED

164

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
AND RECREATION
ACTIVITIES



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

306

YOUTH SERVED

460

FOOD BANK
VISITS

73

YOUTH HOUSED

"YOU (HOUSING WORKER) WORKED SO HARD TO PUSH THINGS FORWARD FOR ME WHEN I COULDN'T FULLY SHOW UP FOR MYSELF. YOU CHANGED MY LIFE, LITERALLY. THANK YOU SO MUCH"

- YWS 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



29

WORKSHOPS

714

STUDENTS
REACHED

885

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

601

VOLUNTEER
ENGAGEMENTS

2357

VOLUNTEERS

6316

HOURS
VOLUNTEERED

"WITHOUT A DOUBT, [THE MOST MEANINGFUL PART OF OUR VOLUNTEER DAY] WAS THE INTERACTION WITH THE YOUTH. SEEING THEM OPEN UP AND ENGAGE WITH THE ACTIVITIES - AND WITH US - WAS INCREDIBLY MOVING. IN THOSE MOMENTS OF CONNECTION, YOU COULD FEEL THE IMPACT OF SIMPLY BEING PRESENT. IT REMINDED ME THAT SOMETIMES THE MOST POWERFUL THING WE CAN OFFER IS OUR TIME, ATTENTION, AND GENUINE CARE."

- AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION





2025/2026 FINANCIALS

MONIKA FOX
DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY

THE POWER OF YOUR SUPPORT

One of the greatest privileges of my role is connecting with the people who make our work possible. Whether through a shelter tour, a conversation at an event, or a shared story, I am continually inspired by the trust our community places in YWS. Behind every gift is a belief that young people deserve safety, support, and the opportunity to thrive, and we are honoured to be entrusted with that belief.

Our philanthropy team approaches this responsibility with integrity, transparency, and care. We are committed to being thoughtful stewards of every dollar entrusted to us, ensuring your generosity creates meaningful impact. I am incredibly proud of this dedicated team whose professionalism and ethical approach help build the strong relationships that sustain our mission.

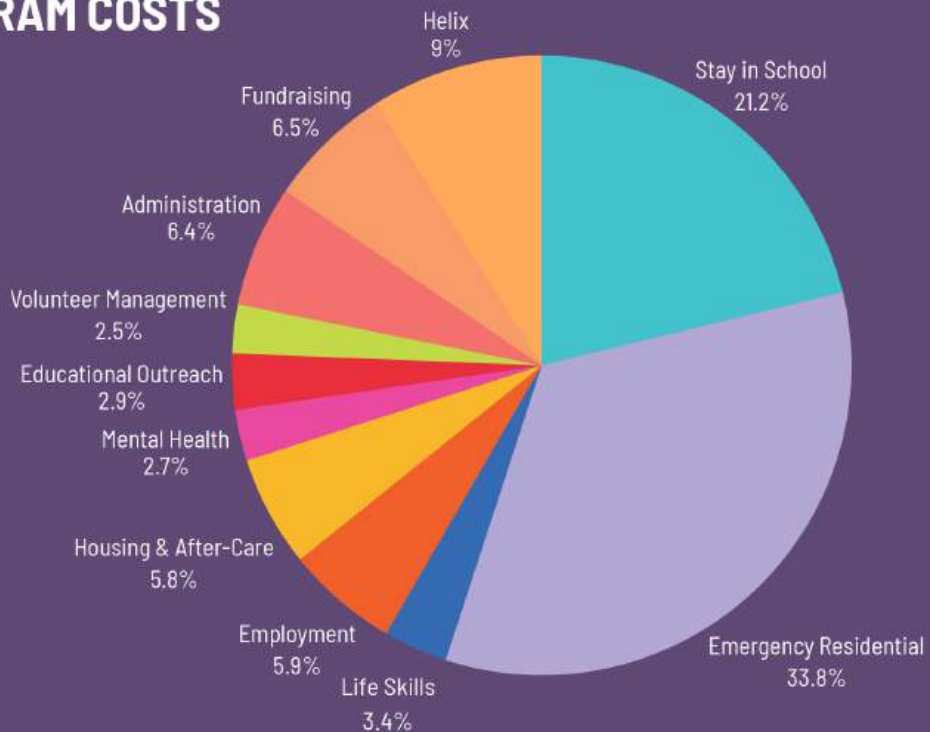
Thanks to your continued support, non-government donations reached \$3,735,753 this year, an increase of \$530,311 over the previous fiscal year. As the needs of our shelter and the youth we serve continue to grow, your generosity allows us to expand support, strengthen programs, and create more opportunities for young people to build brighter futures. Thank you for standing with us and for trusting YWS to steward your gifts wisely.

Revenue:
\$6,614,633

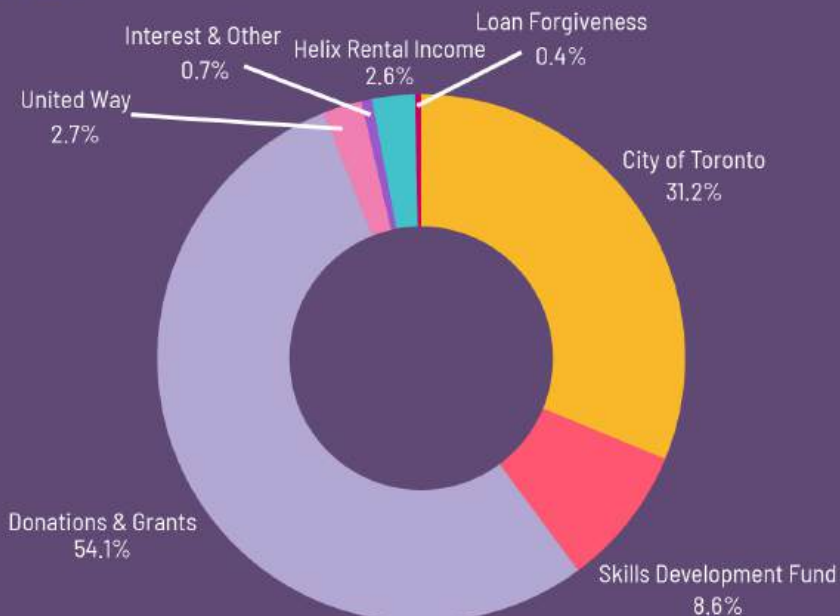
Expenses:
\$6,218,097

YWS Administrative costs are 6.4% and fundraising costs are 6.5% of our overall budget

PROGRAM COSTS



REVENUES



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Fiscal 2025-2026 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, 2026

	2026	2025
ASSETS		
<i>CURRENT ASSETS</i>		
Cash	930,427	1,108,966
Investments	984,424	933,515
Accounts receivable	102,726	85,545
Prepaid expenses and deposits	59,726	78,145
	2,077,303	2,206,171
Property and equipment	5,180,293	5,318,298
	7,257,596	7,524,469
LIABILITIES		
<i>CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	198,496	196,428
Current portion of forgivable loan from City of Toronto	25,000	25,000
Current portion of mortgage loan payable	9,198	13,370
Deferred revenues	210,996	529,422
	443,690	764,220
Mortgage loan payable	1,200,459	1,209,657
Forgivable loan from City of Toronto	2,383,333	2,408,333
Deferred property and equipment grants	835,188	951,700
	4,862,670	5,333,910
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	452,367	184,900
Contingency Reserve Fund	1,215,444	1,290,844
Invested in property and equipment	727,115	714,815
	2,394,926	2,190,559
	7,257,596	7,524,469

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, 2026

	2026	2025
REVENUES		
Contributions		
Donations and fundraising	1,700,577	1,804,821
Grants	2,035,176	1,400,621
City of Toronto - Shelter Services Agreement	2,066,628	1,765,670
Skills Development Funds	571,060	548,880
Rental income	173,160	183,350
Interest and other	43,032	41,183
Loan forgiveness	25,000	25,000
Total Revenue	6,614,633	5,161,703
EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits	3,904,435	3,427,698
Administrative and operational		
Materials and services	883,172	807,386
Residents' needs	250,765	226,456
Food services	314,918	272,537
Skills Development Fund	195,138	120,270
Transportation, insurance and other	128,174	111,272
Property management and building		
Building maintenance services	417,426	368,593
Utilities and property tax	69,328	64,533
Interest on vendor take-back mortgage payable	54,741	178,997
Total Expenses	6,218,097	5,577,742
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	396,536	191,783
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	2,190,559	2,185,952
Net Assets End of the Year	2,394,926	2,190,559

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

Donald Bainbridge Family Foundation

Pattison Outdoor

Province of Ontario: Skills Development Fund

The Home Depot Canada Foundation

United Way Greater Toronto

DONATIONS BETWEEN \$50,000 AND \$99,999

Anonymous (2)

Azrieli Foundation

Bank of Nova Scotia: ScotiaRISE

Peter Gilgan Foundation

State Street Foundation

The Bedolfe Foundation

The Pick Family Foundation

Ward Family Foundation

DONATIONS BETWEEN \$25,000 AND \$49,999

10272086 Canada Inc.

Alanco Investments

Catherine and Maxwell Meighen Foundation, The

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DONATIONS BETWEEN \$10,000 AND \$24,999

Anonymous (4)

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Mercer Canada

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York

St. Andrew's Charitable Foundation

Susan Hillery

Tangerine

The Hawkey Family

The Hylcan Foundation

The Marjorie and Joseph

Wright Memorial Foundation

The Shivji Family

The WB Family Foundation

Woodbine Cares Foundation at Toronto

Foundation

YPI Canada
Zita and Mark Bernstein
Family Foundation

DONATIONS BETWEEN \$1,000 AND \$4,999

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Foundation - OCF
Andrew Gault
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Faith of Life Network (Sayeda
Khadija Centre)
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Frank Unknown
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Foundation, The
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Martin Kane
Martin Wolf
Martingrove Collegiate
Institute
Mirela Mileti
Moez Bawania
Monika Fox
Muhammad Ahmad
Nalini Maraj
NBA Canada
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Northlea United Church
Ontario Provincial Police
Toronto - Whitby Detachment
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Menasha Corporation
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Patrick Donnelly
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Peter Kukielski
Peter Simundson
Pier 4 Holding Limited
Partnership
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Raj Ghai
Rajan Kaushal
Rashawn Al-Enzi
RBC Automotive Finance
Adjudication
RBC Community Investment
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Recoveries
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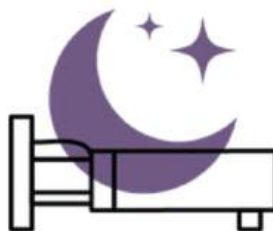
Youth need many supports to overcome homelessness: safe shelter, food, clothing, health cards and identification, emotional support, counselling, referral services, life skills training, educational opportunities, housing options, job search skills, social skills and recreational options.

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APPENDIX

Core Shelter Services	2024	2025	2026	Change 2024-2026
Youth Residing at YWS	149	171	197	+48 (+32.2%)
Safe Bed Nights	16,825	18,912	19,186	+2,361 (+14.0%)
Case Management Meetings	1,359	1,827	2,236	+877 (+64.5%)
Food Bank Visits	733	581	460	-273 (-37.2%)
Education & Employment				
Stay in School Youth Served	40	52	41	+1 (+2.5%)
Stay in School Graduates	6	9	13	+7 (+116.7%)
Stay in School Meeting Hours	N/R	946	1,347	+401 (+42.4% from 2025)
Youth Employed Through Employment Program	44	25	50	+6 (+13.6%)
Mental Health Supports				
Youth Served	71	78	146	+75 (+105.6%)
Meeting Hours	369	450	873	+504 (+136.6%)
Remote, In-Person & Text Sessions	255	531	599	+344 (+134.9%)
Housing Stability & After-Care				
Youth Moved to Independent Living	66	65	73	+7 (+10.6%)
After-Care Youth Served	273	269	306	+33 (+12.1%)

Looking Closer

Operational Improvements

During the year, we developed and standardized new operating procedures to improve service delivery, strengthen staff training, enhance documentation, and reduce operational silos across the organization. These improvements have created greater consistency and efficiency in program delivery for youth.

We also completed the development of a new strategic plan after nearly a year of collaboration with the Board of Directors, the Strategic Planning Committee, and an external consultant. Having successfully achieved the goals of our previous plan, this new roadmap was launched on April 1, 2026. The plan will be highlighted in next year's Annual Report and reflects an exciting new direction for our organization.

Food Bank and Hygiene Support Trends

Food and hygiene package distribution declined intentionally following changes implemented in November 2025. Clients are now required to complete an intake and assessment process, with eligibility reviewed annually. These measures were introduced to ensure limited resources are directed to youth with the greatest need. As a result, some individuals who no longer met eligibility requirements stopped accessing the service.

Declining food donations have also contributed to lower distribution numbers. Historically, holiday donations helped sustain supplies well into the following year; however, donation volumes have decreased significantly in recent years. Rising grocery costs have affected both the quantity and variety of donated items, while some donations consisted of large amounts of the same products or expired goods. The reduced availability of preferred food items has also influenced client participation.

Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)

While the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) program has not ended, funding allocations have declined significantly. In its early years, eligible youth could be referred without allocation limits. As funding became more restricted, organizations received only a small number of placements each funding cycle. For Year 7, allocations are now based on the By-Name List and our organization received only one placement. The reduction in available COHB placements has limited housing options for youth seeking independent housing. Many clients must now rely on employment income or other housing supports to secure rental accommodations unless they qualify for programs such as Special Priority Program (SPP) or Youth Coded housing.

Housing Stability and Aftercare

During FY2026, 73 youth secured housing. In addition, 213 unique individuals participated in aftercare services throughout the year. Of those served, only two youth lost their housing, both of whom experienced severe mental health challenges and returned to shelter services. This represents a housing retention rate of more than 99% over a one-year period.

The Aftercare team also recorded 1,362 interactions with former residents, ranging from intensive case management support to brief wellness check-ins. These ongoing connections play a critical role in helping youth maintain housing stability and independence.

Growing Demand for Shelter Services

Demand for shelter beds increased significantly during the year, with daily calls rising from approximately 40 to 70. As youth shelter capacity across the GTA has remained largely unchanged, the organization has focused on reducing length of stay and helping youth secure housing and employment more quickly. Achieving these outcomes depends heavily on providing youth with the mental health supports and life skills necessary to succeed.

Stay in School Program

Graduation outcomes within the Stay in School program are influenced by the age of participants enrolled each year. When more youth enter the program at younger ages, graduation rates may take longer to reflect program success. This also contributes to year-to-year variations between secondary school and post-secondary graduation outcomes.

Volunteer Engagement

Although the total number of volunteers decreased, volunteer engagement remained strong. Higher volunteer participation in FY2024 and FY2025 was driven by large-scale events such as Time 4 Change and CMU, which were not held during FY2026.

In addition, several major facility improvement projects concluded in FY2025, reducing the need for large volunteer teams. Some recurring volunteers also transitioned into employment or completed required placement hours, while others faced increased work commitments. These changes reflect positive outcomes for many volunteers who achieved their employment and educational goals.

Increased Case Management Services

Case management hours increased substantially during FY2026. A primary factor was the expansion of the PCM team from two staff members to three, resulting in approximately a 50% increase in service capacity.

Additional growth was driven by increased collaboration between case management and mental health services. The introduction of Kyle Daniell, MD, FRCPC, Staff Psychiatrist's services led to a significant increase in case conferences and coordinated care planning, contributing to higher service levels alongside a modest increase in the number of youth served.

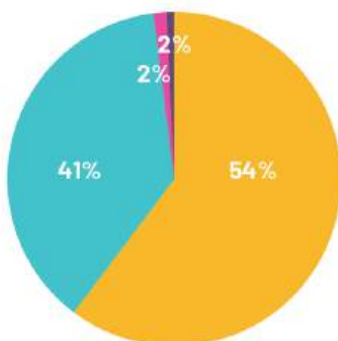
Expanded Mental Health Services

Mental health program meeting hours doubled during FY2026, largely due to the investment provided through AMDF funding. This support strengthened the department's ability to respond to the growing needs of youth accessing services.

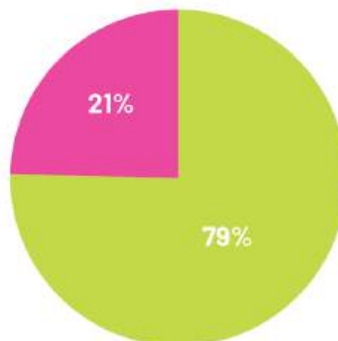
Comparing FY2025 and FY2026 data, the Mental Health Department served more youth despite a shorter average length of stay. Increased shelter traffic created more opportunities for youth to connect with mental health supports, resulting in greater service utilization and expanded access to care.

Expanding therapeutic recreation and youth engagement: In FY2026, YWS's Youth Engagement Coordinator completed their inaugural year, working alongside Case Management and the Registered Psychotherapist to support positive outcomes for youth. Programming, led by a trained Recreation Therapist, draws on five domains of leisure: social, physical, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual. Structured activities provide opportunities for youth to build connections, develop skills, explore interests, and support their overall well-being. Research has linked therapeutic recreation to reduced depression and anxiety, improved emotional regulation, stronger social connectedness, and enhanced well-being (Caldwell, 2005).

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