

THREE WAYS

eva's

YOU

CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
RIGHT NOW

This is your invitation to play a distinct and important role in the youth homelessness sector in Toronto.

Discover our most critical needs and understand how your support drives home impact.

"When I came here, I found home."

EVA'S YOUTH,
STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS
GROUP 2023

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IS DIFFERENT THAN ADULT HOMELESSNESS

~ 1,000 youth (aged 16 – 24) access the Toronto shelter system monthly.

The true number is likely much higher due to hidden homelessness, including couch surfing and sleeping in cars or vacant buildings.

Youth homelessness stems from complex issues such as abuse, poverty, homophobia, transphobia, and discrimination.

Anti-Black racism and systemic discrimination create disparities in child welfare, education, employment, healthcare, and housing.

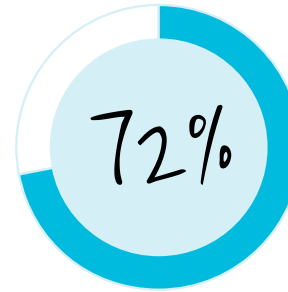
When these systems fail, youth turn to us for help.

OUR MISSION

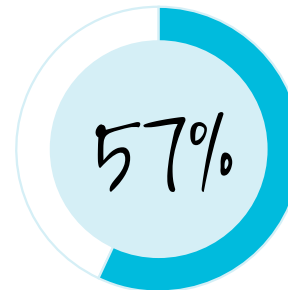
Inspiring and valuing youth leadership, we centre the needs of Black youth at all the intersections of their identities to cultivate a community that creates anti-racist and social justice solutions to youth homelessness.

Watch our new mission video [here!](#)

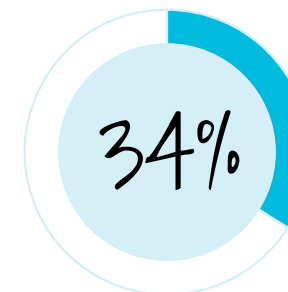
WE SERVE MORE THAN 200 YOUTH NIGHTLY



of youth at Eva's identify as Black, compared to only 9% of Torontonians



of youth identify as refugees/refugee claimants



of youth identify as 2SLGBTQ+

SUPPORT INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING

Your generous donation will support more housing options and comprehensive wrap-around supports driven by solid data and strong youth involvement.



In our 2023 survey, youth identified employment as their top goal.

Examples of how you can help:

\$10,000

to implement and train staff on our new **case management system**, to enhance tracking, scale impact, advocate for Black youth, and build healthier communities through data-driven insights.

\$40,000

to review Africentric youth development models and pilot our **Youth Journey Map framework**, providing culturally relevant case management for Black youth, benefiting all in need.

\$150,000

towards one-on-one **employment support**, helping youth find meaningful work and achieve independence, enabling us to focus on capacity building and innovation.

Your support in areas like these contributes to a more inclusive and just society for all.



We leverage our experience at Eva's to expand innovative, youth-driven programs addressing systemic issues.

SUPPORT CAPITAL NEEDS AT EVA'S PLACE

Your generous donations towards critical upgrades will provide young people stability, warmth, and nourishment during their time with us.



Eva's Place, North York's first emergency youth shelter, has been a safe space for young people since 1994.

Examples of how you can help:

\$25,000

for vital kitchen upgrades and improvements, and providing **healthy food, and life skills programming.**

\$10,000

for **new furnishings** like sofas, tables, and decor for common areas to make the space feel more like home.

\$45,000

for windows, electrical, and lighting updates to enhance **energy efficiency and fire safety.**




Today, we're asking our loyal supporters to fund essential capital requirements so that we can continue serving youth in this historic space.

There are many ways to support our work. We would love to collaborate with you to build a plan that aligns with our shared goals and values.



STANDING IN SOLIDARITY: MONTHLY GIVING AT EVA'S

Government funding covers only 70% of Eva's annual operating expenses. Monthly giving with Eva's isn't about wealth—it's about solidarity and commitment to making a difference, one month at a time, to help us fill this gap. Monthly donations are a community-driven force for good centred on the needs and experiences of Black youth.

 *Eva's helped 109 young people find housing last year.*

Examples of your monthly impact:

Safe Shelter and Crisis Services

This is the first step in helping youth pursue their goals. You help **provide essentials** like a bed, warm meals, hygiene products, mental health support, school advocacy, and settlement support.

Housing Support

You can help youth find long-term housing by securing documentation, negotiating tenant agreements, and applying for benefits. Despite challenges, our team tirelessly supports youth in **accessing stable housing**.

Community Connections

You can help connect youth to community resources and cultural experiences to foster **belonging and confidence**. We offer practical advice on budgeting, cooking, and healthy living.



Your monthly gift isn't just a transaction. It's the driving force behind lasting change in our community.

Signup for [monthly giving](#) today.

ACT NOW TO BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES



**I am ready to break down barriers
and co-create a world where every
young person can thrive.**

Join us in celebrating the 30th anniversary of Eva's Place and embracing our bold new strategic plan for the future. Together, we can make an impact that lasts for generations to come.

Eva's is a place of hope and support for many: from the youth seeking refuge, to the dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and the united community that brought it to life.

**Let's continue our journey together. Contact us to
discover personalized ways to support Eva's today.**



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