



**McLaren Housing Society
of British Columbia**

Canada's First Housing Program for People Living with HIV/AIDS

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HIV/AIDS treatment has many debilitating side effects that are exacerbated by not having your own bathroom, let alone privacy when shared accommodation is the only housing alternative.

Worse, relying on friends or family, who themselves may be unable to support the needs of their loved one, should not be what anyone should have to deal with.

Currently there are 165 people on our wait list, some of whom are living in Single Occupancy Rooms in downtown hotels where conditions are in dire contrast to what they need to adequately cope with their disease.

Our mandate is to provide affordable housing to people living with HIV/AIDS. The numbers of people in urgent need of housing assistance as they cope with their disease continue to grow rapidly.

It costs approximately \$6,000 a year to provide a home for one individual. Our goal is to secure a minimum of a year's subsidy but hopefully a 3 year promise which would cost you or your company \$18,000.

We screen and interview the applicants and ensure those who are most in need, are at the top of the list. Your donation will go directly to rent: 100%. And you will be giving someone back the dignity they so richly deserve.

McLaren is recognized at both the Provincial and municipal levels as being Canada's first housing program for people living with HIV/AIDS. Greater awareness and publicity would help generate the needed funding to continue serving a very vulnerable population.

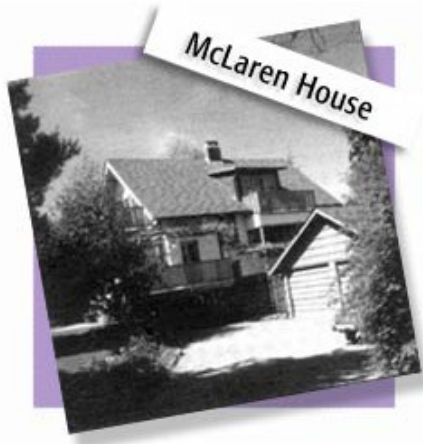
Having established a number of subsidies it is extremely important to have sustainability. Once initiated, a portable housing subsidy cannot be abandoned. Our commitment is to ensure ongoing support of these subsidized homes, for the benefit and stability of those suffering.

Your donation benefits the greater community by preventing more tax dollars from going towards health care costs. Keeping someone in hospital is almost \$1,000 a day compared to \$15 per day by remaining independently housed. Being able to extend one's life by virtue of appropriate (i.e. affordable and safe) housing is an ultimate achievement.

Recognition for Donors will be tailor-made. It could be in written form via the website, newsletter and brochure, photo ops and kudos in the media, a donor recognition event, or whatever custom-fit recognition plan the donor would like to suggest that best suits their corporate or personal needs.



How can you help?



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McLaren Housing Society's mandate is to provide stable, safe and affordable housing to people living with HIV/AIDS. The numbers of people in urgent need of housing assistance as they cope with their disease continue to grow rapidly. McLaren's waiting list currently includes 165 people all of who qualify for and desperately require housing support.

In addition to Helmcken House where 32 units are rented to McLaren Housing subsidy holders, McLaren administers 32 rent supplement units referred to as portable subsidies. The funding for 15 of these subsidies is provided through B.C. Housing Management Commission. The 17 remaining subsidies are financially supported through McLaren Housing's fund-raising activities. Having established a number of subsidies based on fund-raising support, it is extremely important to have a productive and efficient funding plan in place to be able to maintain this support for as long as it is needed. Once initiated, a portable housing subsidy cannot be abandoned.

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP URGENTLY

It is our hope that a great many more of our clients can be subsidized and at least have some relief from all that they are already coping with. The question is, how many of the 165 on this wait list can get the housing they need?

Thankfully, BC Housing provides 80% of our existing subsidies but McLaren undertakes finding the other 20% needed to house our existing tenants and clients.

Our funding has come from Vancouver Coastal Health Authority for approx \$30k, BC Gaming for approx \$41k, Bridges Foundation for \$15k, a Golf tournament (\$6K) and other individual donations including those who supported us in the annual AIDS walks.

With your help I know we can accomplish this. Thank you for your time and for your careful consideration.

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