



Housing Considerations for Single Mothers

A SOLUTION THAT INCREASES
SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND ENDS POVERTY

Overview

London Single-Mother Housing Landscape

Why Housing and Education?

The Solution: Project Chance



London Landscape

90% Female Led Sole Support Parents
Receiving OW

More than 50% of household income goes
on shelter costs

A meaningful future begins with meeting
basic human needs



Housing in London

7% of the city's population that receives government housing assistance rents from the private market

Over 2,000 households are presently wait listed for subsidized housing

Current wait list time for subsidized housing is 7-10 years

The City of London and HDC's housing vision is that all members of the community to have access to housing that is safe, secure and suitable to their needs and ability to pay

Why Housing?

The Alternative:

Housing vulnerable
Londoners in hospitals,
prisons, shelters or hostels

Growth:

- \$1 dollar invested in affordable housing generates \$1.40 increase in GDP. -FCM

Why Education?

Research demonstrates a direct link between increased education and a reduction in poverty, more so than one's marital status

But...

Single mothers seeking out higher education face the reality that their prospects of success are low

Project Chance:

The Combined Housing and Education Solution

Residential units in a common, dedicated area are made available to mothers pursuing higher education

Housing is provided to mothers at rates based on household income

Educational support results from a network of residents commonly working and assisting one another on their academics

The program also enables crucial benefits of community-based childcare

“The poor themselves can create a poverty-free world. All we have to do is to free them from the chains that we have put around them!”

*-Muhummad
Nobel*

*Yunus,
Laureate*

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