

Housing First Emergency Shelter for Youth

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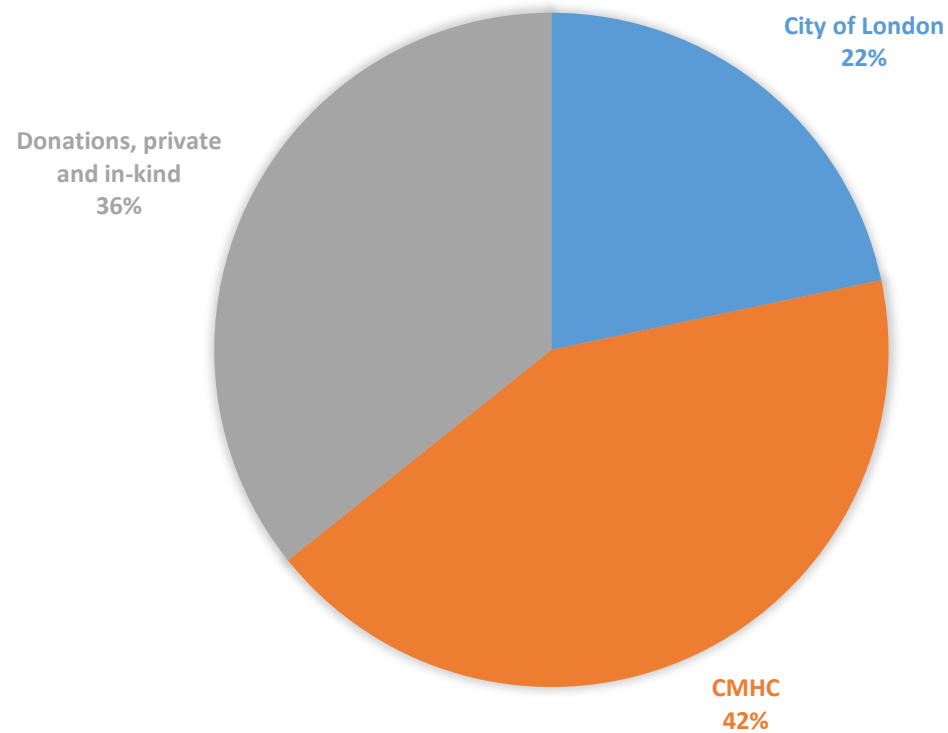
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Capital Investment

CAPITAL PROJECT - INVESTMENT



City of London	\$1,533,122.00
CMHC	\$3,011,155.00
Donations, private and in-kind	\$2,526,383.70
TOTAL	\$7,070,660.70

Our Model of Care

Meet CiCi, a self described small town girl who came to the big city. When things didn't work out as planned, CiCi found herself homeless in London.

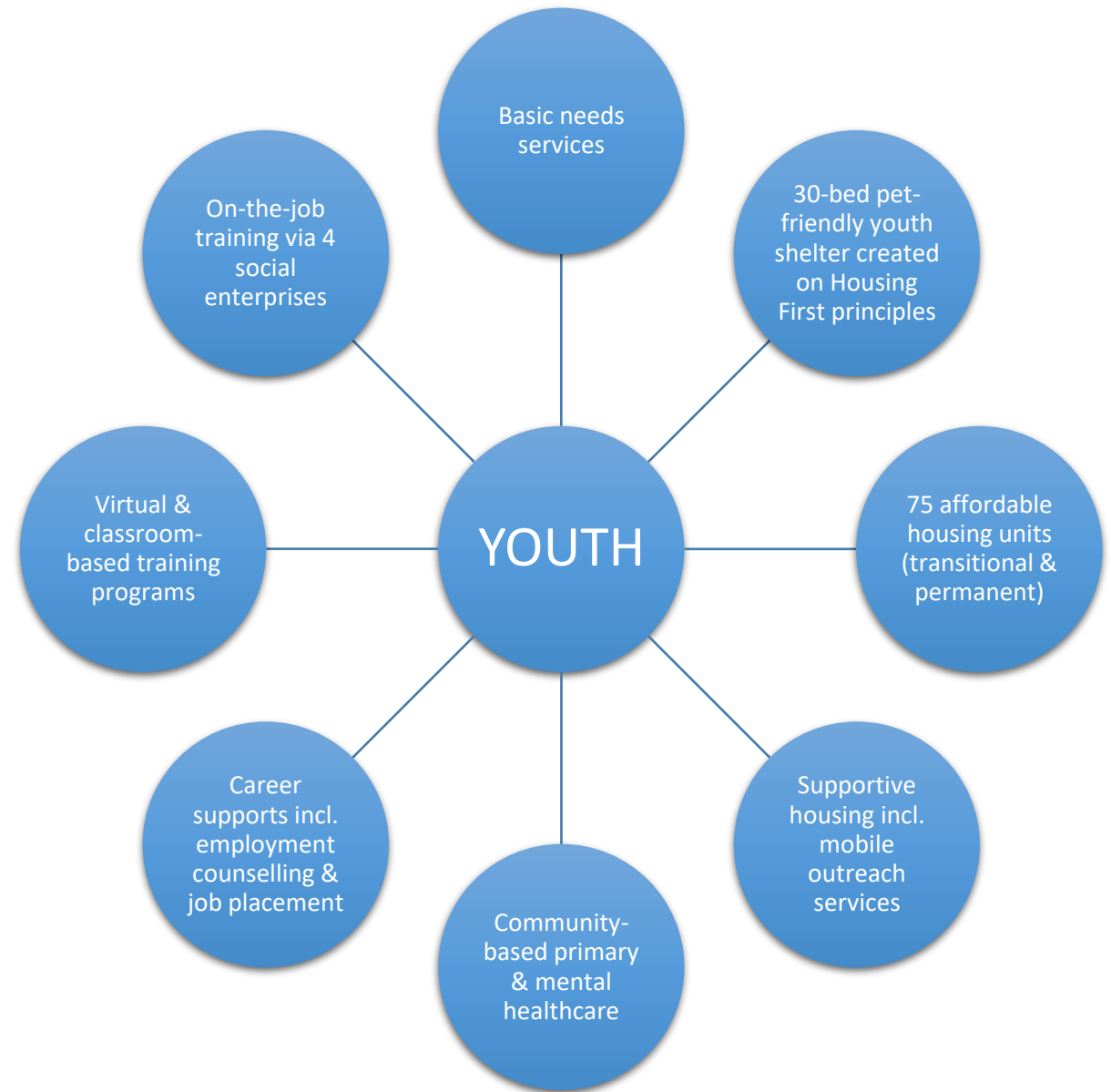
She was introduced to YOU through a family friend, and when she didn't have anywhere else to stay, she was welcomed at our Youth Shelter.

Shelter staff were able to help CiCi in finding her own housing, which was a big relief to her!

Since securing housing, CiCi has participated in skills training with YOU and is keen to go to Fanshawe and secure a hairstyling apprenticeship.



We commend CiCi for her resilience and accomplishments. Wishing her all the best for her bright future ahead!



Housing Outcomes



- 35 youth have secured permanent housing through our Primary Caseworkers
- Over 30 youth diverted through family reconnect program

Unanticipated Experiences-to-Date

- Over 300 youth turned away due to capacity issues
- 4 youth disclosed they were pregnant
- 4 near-fatal overdoses and 2 attempted suicides – all of which shelter staff responded to successfully

Pet-Friendly

The shelter has provided service to 8 dogs, 3 cats, 2 hamsters, and 2 rabbits



Location & Building Features

- 30 individual bedrooms
- 1.6 acres including greenspace
- 11,600 square feet building
- Adjacent to a residential neighbourhood
- Access to public transit
- Fully accessible
- Energy efficient
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)



Occupancy Rate

- Opened on August 17th, 2020
- 17 participants on day one
- Maximum capacity reached on August 30th
- Occupancy rate is 94 %
- Average length of stay: 33 days



Reintegration Back into Community

- General Dynamics provided meals to Youth Shelter participants who attended the YOU Breakfast Fundraiser
- “I enjoyed the overall experience and hearing from the people who received help. It makes me feel hopeful for my future” ~ A. B
- “I really enjoyed the presentation this morning. Hearing the stories about the youth who were once homeless reassured me that everything is going to be okay. It was a nice time to socialize and eat a good breakfast!” ~ T



Thank you for your
time!

Questions?

