

Understanding the issues



Lack of Housing

A single bedroom unit is over \$1,258/month. 169 people are experiencing homelessness in Huron.



Low Income

About 50% of people over the age of 15 in Perth-Huron earn less than a living wage (\$37,674 per year).



Food Security

One in six Canadian children live in a food insecure household. Food prices rose 8.9% in one year.



Access to Services

Navigating, accessing and travelling to local social services is challenging, especially for our most vulnerable residents.



Intimate Partner Violence

Huron OPP received 423 calls related to intimate partner violence in 2022.



Mental Health

By the time Canadians reach the age of 40, one in two have experienced a mental illness.



Discrimination

69% of Perth-Huron immigrants and visible minorities reported experiencing discrimination.

The Social Research & Planning Council is dedicated to collecting, analyzing and distributing information that inspires social progress.



Helping people like Gabrielle



Sixteen-year-old Gabrielle and her family were living in poverty for a long time, with **no heat or water in the old trailer they called home.**

All Gabrielle wanted was to stay in one spot long enough so she could finish high school.

A concerned member of the community reached out to a local United Way funded youth support organization on Gabrielle's behalf and **once she connected with the staff team, her life blossomed.**

Now, Gabrielle's life is much better. Staff at the support organization helped her find a safe, stable place to live and she continues working toward her goal of becoming the first person in her family to graduate from high school.

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Helping here in Northern Huron



2022 Impact in Northern Huron!

- 26** youth supported with financial assistance for extracurricular activities.
- 37** participants in Destination Prosperity.
- 26** women and children escaping violence supported and sheltered.
- 5** youth received shelter supports.
- 2** men were supported in transitional housing.

How we work as a Transformational Force

Leverage

We leverage our partnerships and financial resources to respond compassionately to community needs.

Lead

We lead community development by establishing and funding innovative programs addressing local issues.

Advocate

We advocate for systems change by speaking up about social issues, fostering constructive relationships with policy makers and championing solutions.

Research & Plan

We generate and share knowledge about social issues and the vital role of innovation and progress.

Read research reports here:

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The **Northern Huron Connection Centre** is a housing-based and poverty reduction service helping those experiencing homelessness or who are otherwise vulnerable.

Staff collaborate with community service partners to provide wrap-around supports such as trauma-informed care, addiction and mental health counselling, along with basic needs including food, clothing, showers, laundry facilities and warming/cooling space.

Building trust between participants, service providers and staff can lead to engaging with more formal supports such as application completion, legal aid, and Ontario Works, creating a pathway out of poverty.



Located in St. Paul's Trinity Anglican Church
23 John Street East
Wingham

Helping people like Lou



Faced with eviction and a loss of the support services he needed, Lou reached out to the local Connection Centre.

There, he found a welcoming environment with people who were willing to help.

A United Way supported Housing Stability Worker negotiated with Lou's landlord allowing him to temporarily stay in his home while other staff worked on finding alternate housing and supports.

Now, Lou is doing better. He looks forward to finding a new place to live and continuing his journey out of homelessness.



774 individuals & families received financial assistance last year across Huron-Perth

Recent environmental shifts including rising inflation and the pandemic put added stress on society and dramatically increased the need for support.



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The **Urgent Needs Fund** supports Perth-Huron residents in a time of crisis with an infusion of funds for essentials. It is part of a broader strategy to prevent homelessness and unemployment and reduce the effects of poverty on individuals and families.

2-1-1 is a helpline and website to help you discover what programs or services can help in your situation.



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