

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

Police in Huron 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 Logan



"My son Logan was only six when his father left in the middle of the night.

After, I had to work three jobs to support us, so Logan spent a lot of time at before and after care. I knew he was missing out on so much.

A year later, Logan was blessed with a mentor named Mike. Mike and Logan spend one day a week together. They cook, play video games, go skating and fishing.

Mike is restoring an old vehicle and Logan likes to pass him tools. They practice baseball together and Mike has come to watch Logan play!

Mike celebrates Logan's successes and Logan has learned to do the same with Mike.

Their match has been positive. Mike has helped Logan grow into a wise, kind and happy child."

DONATIONS STAY IN SOUTHERN HURON

Donate Today!

519.271.7730 | 877.818.8867
perthhuron.unitedway.ca



CONSIDER GIVING AT A LEADER LEVEL:

\$1,200+ Bronze Leader | \$100/month
\$2,400+ Silver Leader | \$200/month
\$6,000+ Gold Leader | \$500/month

*Donors giving at the **Bronze** or **Silver** level will be matched by generous **Gold** donors.



United Way
Perth-Huron

Helping here in Southern Huron



Southern Huron 2022 Impact!

- 4 youth received shelter supports.
- 4 men were supported in transitional housing.
- 37 women and children were supported and sheltered.
- 43 women participated in Destination Prosperity.
- 48 youth supported with financial assistance for extracurricular activities.
- + Food supplied to programs through a Huron-based distribution centre.

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:

perthhuron.unitedway.ca/research



SOUTHERN HURON
CONNECTION
CENTRE

The **Southern 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.

56 people connected to services & support

Helping people like Clarice



"I was struggling, my hands were shaky. I broke a lot of mugs.

I visited the **Southern Huron Connection Centre** to use a computer so my husband wouldn't be able to read my emails.

There was a staff person who always asked how my day was going and offered me lunch. After about three weeks, I asked her about housing options if I left my abusive partner.

She put me in touch with a counsellor and employment services and explained the housing process. There were so many services! It was scary at first, but the staff let me go at my own pace so I would feel comfortable.

I appreciate the care and support.

Independence is a difficult journey, but I enjoy my coffee with less shaking now. I have an apartment, and I volunteer at the Connection Centre so I can give back to the place that helped me so much!"



The **Coldest Night of the Year** is a winterrific, family-friendly walk to raise money for local programs serving people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

Join us February 24, 2024!
Team up, fundraise, walk, and gather for good... because it's cold out there.



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.



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.

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



Free, confidential and available 24/7/365 in 150+ languages!

