



INDWELL PURCHASED THE FORMER ROYAL OAK DAIRY IN HAMILTON WITH PLANS TO DEVELOP IT INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

The historic site, complete with the milk-bottling facilities and horse stables, was built in 1929. However, since the dairy closed in 1991 it has fallen into disuse and become a challenging property.

Shortly after purchasing the site, Indwell hosted a welcome party with over 300 neighbours and friends attending. There we began the process of collecting the community's input for how we can address their overwhelming need for affordable housing.

Here's a quick look at Indwell by the numbers



583
Housing
applications
processed
in 2017



468
Apartments
in Hamilton,
Woodstock
and Simcoe



74
New tenants
housed
in 2017



6
New projects
in progress



103
Employees
across the
organization,
including
22 tenant
employees



100+
Volunteered
each month



15
Groups
volunteered
for a day
or evening
in 2017



97,455
Meals served
in our
higher-support
programs
annually

WHO APPLIES TO LIVE AT INDWELL?

by Marcée Groen, Indwell's Intake Coordinator

A typical Indwell applicant is between the ages of 18 and 70, about equally split between men and women. Sometimes our applicants haven't finished high school while others have completed a PhD degree. Some applicants have caring family and friends, but others can't name a single supportive person in their life. There are applicants who find themselves entrenched in addictions while others wouldn't even recognize the smell of marijuana if it were filling the room. Some applicants have lived with their parents their entire lives; others have lived in the hospital since their youth. Applicants could be coming off the streets, leaving shelters or living isolated in their own apartment but all are wanting to experience the community that Indwell offers. Indwell applicants may be single, married, separated or divorced; some have children and some do not. Some have previously had high paying jobs while others have never been able to work. In many ways, a typical Indwell applicant is just as typical as any person you might meet; they just need support and affordability.

MEET INDWELL TENANTS

Stacey shares: Before moving to Indwell, I spent over 1,000 days in psychiatric units. In my teens I ended up in shelters and never felt the sense of community I was searching for – until I moved to Indwell. I'm incredibly grateful for living in such an accepting and caring community.

Victoria shares: I moved into Strathearne Suites as a graduated discharge from the hospital. From the very beginning, I felt understood, appreciated and cared for with kindness and dignity by the Indwell community. This was a pleasant surprise because throughout my arduous journey of almost 20 years of poor mental health, I had faced many challenges; family members, caregivers and even mental health professionals struggled to understand, assess and manage my battle with mental illness.

This past June, with the awesome support of my psychiatrist, social worker, family members and, especially, the Indwell community, I was able to finish my BA in English and Culture Studies at McMaster University.

"I am so very grateful for all of Indwell's supporters who donate in order to provide a lovely home for myself and many others. Because of this, we can remain stable and are better able to cope with our mental health illness. Thank you Indwell and partners for your great work!"
– Victoria



Marcée is responsible for processing all housing applications. Every day Marcée receives two to three new applications.



Stacey has lived in the apartments at Indwell's Wentworth Program since 2015.



Victoria has been living in the Suites in Hamilton since 2015.



Tenants and staff at Indwell's Prinzen Flats discuss the plans for Hamilton's Prinzen Flats renovation.



PRINZEN FLATS RENOVATION

Donate towards the repair and renovations that will improve accessibility and create vital community and programming space for the 43 people who live here.



\$81,000
Already Raised

\$114,000
Outstanding

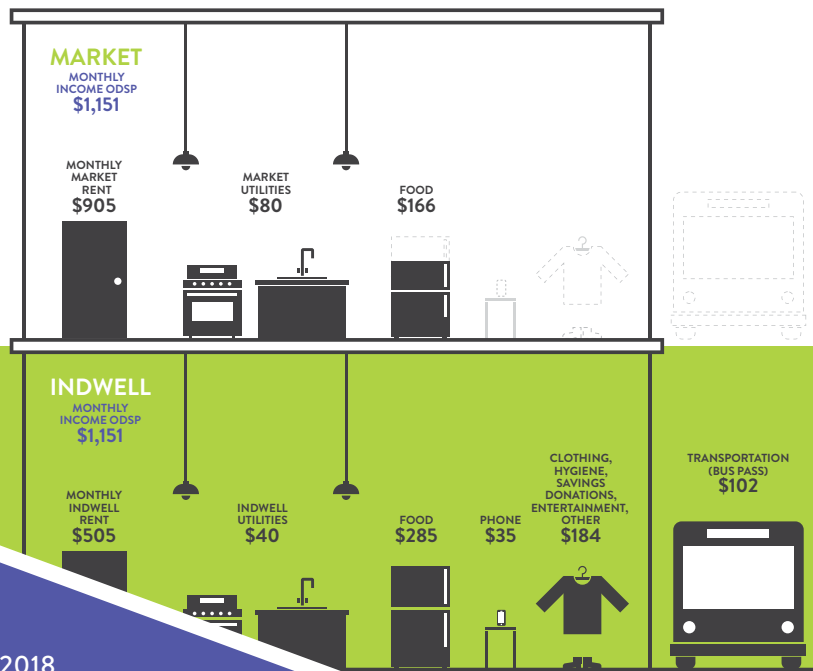


a tenant at Indwell's Strathearne
n for almost two years

David VanderWindt returned to Indwell in May 2017 as part of his final co-op placement in Urban and Regional Planning through the University of Waterloo. Among other things, David developed a 92-page book *Making Housing Affordable* – a guide for facilitating partnerships with churches and charities to develop affordable housing. This book is available from our office for \$25, or email info@indwell.ca to request a free digital copy. The project was funded by a generous grant from Stronger Together.



THE DIFFERENCE AFFORDABILITY MAKES



UPCOMING DATES

Parkdale Landing, Hamilton
welcomes first tenants

September 17, 2018

Stay tuned for
Grand Opening details
November 2018

Celebration
Dinner Woodstock

November 2, 2018

RSVP by October 26, 2018

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sustain and grow our ministry.

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donate monthly
to sustain day-to-day
operations.

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that create new
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Cut off and return to Indwell

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or volunteer opportunities.

- ☐ Count me in as a **Hope Builder** at \$_____/month
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☐ Call me to make other arrangements
- ☐ I'd like to **Furnish an Apartment** with a one-time gift of \$2,500
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☐ Call me to make other arrangements

☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard or visit CanadaHelps.org

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