

THE NEED:

Daily we receive calls from people desperate to find affordable housing. Few organizations offer the kind of housing with supports that Indwell does. The need we see and hear each day motivates us to find solutions.

157

People have been approved and are currently waiting for a home

228

People have submitted housing applications that have yet to be approved

5-7

People submit housing applications each week "I'm looking for a place I can settle and call my own." - Maxine, Woodstock, (living in her daughter Kim's apartment)

"Community is the way things are supposed to be – I'm so excited that that my mom will be in the Harvey Woods Community!" - Kim, Maxine's adult daughter

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Spotlight on Simcoe Norfolk County

In December 2013, a group from Norfolk County met with Indwell to explore solutions to the affordable housing crisis facing their community. A year later, we celebrate Norfolk County's approval of \$2 million in federal/provincial funds for Indwell to redevelop Hambleton Hall in downtown Simcoe. This funding will go far towards the estimated \$4.6 million overall capital budget. In just over a year, God provided a building, planning approvals, significant capital funds, and strong local support to lead Indwell into our third community, and our first geographic expansion in ten years.

The journey to Norfolk County was unexpected, but as the puzzle came together we saw God working ahead of us. During recent visits in Simcoe, several shared how family members had left the area to find appropriate supports. Pastor Jeff Vandermeer of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church summed it up this way:

The possibility of having our adult children move 'home' and benefit from the social networks already in place, is deeply encouraging.

Mike Ross of St James United Church concurs: "St James is thrilled that Indwell's plans are moving forward. This is certainly a good fit for the community – most importantly the people who will call Hambleton Hall home." The advocacy and prayers of many within the Christian community form a strong foundation for Indwell's work in Norfolk and Haldimand Counties.

Indwell will begin the year-long conversion into 40 one-bedroom and studio apartments this summer. The acre property, just two blocks from downtown Simcoe, has room for a community garden and other outdoor amenities. A variety of common areas will help foster community.

Indwell takes ownership of Hambleton Hall at 190 Dean Street this spring. The two-storey, 20,000 square foot building was the former Sunday School for St James United Church, an active congregation that still meets across the street.

JOIN INDWELL FOR A PRE-CONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE AT HAMBLETON HALL, SIMCOE, ON FRIDAY, APRIL 24 FROM 3-6 PM.



SAVE THE DATE GRAND OPENING

Harvey Woods Lofts 18 Vansittart Ave, Woodstock

> Friday afternoon, June 5 to be confirmed

HOPE AND HOMES BANQUET

Liuna Station, Hamilton
Thursday, May 28, 2015, 5:30 pm
RSVP May 22, 2015
info@indwell.ca
905-529-0454

Indwell Volunteers

Indwell volunteers like Jane Garner (below) at Hamilton's Caroline Apartments tea time, multiply the effectiveness of our support programs. They help our tenants live in hope – pursuing goals like healthy living, weight loss, spiritual growth, and building strong relationships.

Recent comments from tenants:

Tea time at the Caroline Apartments is one of the most important times in my week. I sure miss it when Jane's not here.

I know that it's a safe time and friends are there. I know that no one will judge me. There is a spirit of love. There is no need to pretend.

I enjoy the company; I need the company. I sometimes think too much if I'm all by myself. I need to bounce my ideas off of other people.

This is a place where people care about each other. We're honest together and don't fear others' reactions.

This is my favourite group!

We have a sense that we're all in this together.

MORE THAN 80 PEOPLE VOLUNTEER REGULARLY.

AS HARVEY WOODS LOFTS OPENS IN WOODSTOCK, WE ARE RECRUITING TEA-TIME AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS. CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE.

Volunteer Groups

Church groups are volunteering monthly, helping with meals, visiting and running events:

- Hill Park Bible Church, Hamilton (various members)
- Innerkip Presbyterian Church, Innerkip (small group)
- The Meeting House, East Hamilton (home church)
- Church of St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton (youth group)
- St. John's Anglican Church, Ancaster (youth group)
- Philpott Memorial Church, Hamilton (growth group)
- Heritage Green Presbyterian Church, Stoney Creek (various members)

Current openings for monthly group involvement in Woodstock:

- Blossom Park: monthly meals, games night
- Harvey Woods Lofts: community meals, games nights, holiday meals, movie nights

Some groups volunteer once a year in Hamilton:

- CrossCulture young adults and youth
- Mohawk accounting students tax clinics
- MacServe, McMaster
- Redeemer Hamilton Missions Trip
- Day of Service McMaster Management Group
- Deloitte Impact Day

Other groups volunteer as they have opportunity, semi-regularly, or just once.

Contact us if you're looking for a way to serve this spring:

- Harvey Woods Lofts: Work morning Saturday, April 18, 9am-noon
- Spring clean-up/gardening:
 Saturday, May 23 at all our sites
 (Hamilton and Woodstock)



Left: Hambleton Hall, Simcoe, before construction

Right: Jane (far right) hosts a tea time with tenants each Wednesday afternoon.



Chris, Director
of Finance, joins
Rudy in front of the
construction of the
Rudy Hulst Commons,
Hamilton. Rudy has
been Indwell's Board
Chair, Executive Director,
Director of Finance, and
currently works with the
Project Development team.

WHY DONATE? Rudy Hulst & Chris Finkbiner

Indwell has been successful in attracting significant government capital grants to cover a portion of our building or renovation project costs. Capital donations help cover the remaining costs (we call these donors **Home Builders**.) We also appreciate personal loans from generous supporters and institutional financing when needed.

Our day-to-day operations rely heavily on **Hope Builders'** donations. Because we provide truly affordable rents and other supports, we subsidize each tenant an average of

\$200/unit/month from these operating donations. In fiscal year 2015, we are depending on our support community to donate \$500,000. This represents a challenging, but achievable, goal – Indwell is working hard to spread Hope and Homes in our communities. Please help us.

Would you become a monthly **Hope Builder?** The consistency of **Hope Builders'** monthly donations – no matter how big or small – helps us budget for our supports and plan future growth.

Please support our ministry!

Indwell is a Christian charity; we rely on the generosity of many donors each month to sustain the supports we provide our tenants.

Hope Builders

give monthly to sustain day-to-day operations.

Become a Hope Builder

Make your support monthly and ensure that day-to-day programming is available for people like our tenants at the Caroline Apartments in Hamilton?

Home Builders

give one-time gifts for creating new affordable housing.

Become a Home Builder

Make a capital donation and help us continue to expand housing options for people in Hamilton, Simcoe and Woodstock.

Cut off and return to Indwell

Yes! I want to help prevent homelessness in Southern Ontario!

Title: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: ____
Postal Code: _____ Tel: ____
Email:

Please contact us or return this form to: Indwell A - 249 Caroline St S Hamilton ON L8P 3L6 1.866.529.0454

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- O Call me to make other arrangements
- O Count me in as a **Home Builder** with a one-time gift of \$
 - O I'm including a cheque
 - O Call me to make other arrangements
- O Please add me to Indwell's mailing list and email list
- O Please contact me to discuss Indwell's work or for volunteer opportunities

Designated Giving: Indwell will use restricted contributions for approved programs or projects. Should those needs be met, the contributions will be used where most needed.

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