

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2023

SEPTEMBER 2022 TO MARCH 2023

The Oaks Grand Opening, Hamilton, Sept. 23, 2022

From the President:



Dear friends,

Indwell is determined! In taking on some of Ontario's most vexing challenges — homelessness, access to housing and health supports, and the often-tragic consequences of the opioid crisis we're committed to improving the lives of some of our most vulnerable people.

This annual impact report is a short one as we've shifted our fiscal year-end from August 31 to March 31. But there's still a lot to report. Between August and March, we opened homes to support 84 more people in London and Hamilton. In December we surpassed 1,000 homes!

Please, take a few moments to look at this document, which includes not only the usual financials but also a tenant testimonial and some statistical highlights. I think you'll find there's much to celebrate.

Nevertheless, we've encountered challenges as federal funding for new homes, which we applied for last spring, failed to materialize. Consequently, we've had to put some projects on hold. Currently, only a fraction of the new homes we could build are under construction. It's become a time of advocacy for supportive housing and discerning if there's another way forward. As always, your financial support and the support of our broad community is vital. Your strong community support speaks to your care and concern for people on the margins, and your commitment to making a lasting difference in the lives of those who find housing with Indwell. Thank you.

I commend Indwell tenants who create a home within their apartments, make choices that enhance their wellness, and contribute to their community. I'm in awe of our talented and hardworking staff and volunteers who provide care and support to each tenant. And I deeply appreciate the tremendous support of so many of you — our donors who show such care and concern for your neighbours and make hope and homes possible!

It's my privilege to lead the Board of Directors and express our appreciation for this exceptional community. Together, we are making our cities better places for all of us as we pursue hope and homes for all.

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John Nyholt President, Board of Directors

QUICK FACTS:

Sept 2022 to March 2023





1,325 people attended 11 screenings of Safe, a documentary about the housing and opioid crisis featuring Indwell staff and tenants.



125 homes under construction



9/10 tenants remain housed after



356





1000+ homes created by Indwell

Embassy Commons, London

Embassy Commons, Indwell's second London program, opened in October 2022. This program, built on the site of the historic Embassy Hotel, holds two programs in one, with Dundas Street offering 42 apartments and enhanced supports including a daily hot meal, and English Street including 30 apartments and the standard supports that come with all Indwell programs.

Ottawa Street Apartments, Hamilton

Phase 1 of Ottawa Street Apartments opened in November 2022. Transformed from a boarded-up tavern, these 12 homes, designated specifically for Indigenous tenants, offer standard housing supports and operate in partnership with Sacajawea Non-Profit Housing and the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre. Construction of Phase 2 of this project is hoped to begin in 2024 and will include 32 one-bedroom apartments.



Financial Report - Operations and Program

Sept 2022 to March 2023 - Indwell changed its fiscal year-end from August 31 to March 31. Therefore, fiscal 2023 was seven months.

OPERATING REVENUE

OPERATING AND PROGRAM EXPENSES



ASSETS AND LIABILITIES



Juan's Story:

Juan's story begins in Colombia where his family fled violence, moving to Ecuador. After four years of homelessness there, his family was able to immigrate to Canada when Juan was 14. In his early 20s, Juan was diagnosed with schizophrenia. He reflects, "You need inner strength to overcome the fear and pain." Juan credits his relationship with God for helping him manage his mental health. "I gave it to God. Then the silence came."

After living in Hamilton for several years, he relocated to London to be closer to his mother and siblings and moved into London's Embassy Commons as the program's first tenant last November. From this stable home, he is able to support his family in their citizenship process.

Juan wants people to understand that his effort to have a normal life has been a tumultuous journey, not only because of inner struggles, but because of the stigma of his diagnosis. This fall, with the support of Indwell's recreation coordinator, he's taking a meditation class through the City of London. He also writes regularly, which he describes as "my expression of shadow and light."

Juan is emphatic about one thing: "There is hope."

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Mission

Indwell is a Christian charity that creates affordable housing communities that support people seeking health, wellness and belonging.



Values We value the inherent dignity of all people as image bearers of God.

We live out our Christian calling to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Hope is the foundation of all of our actions.

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