

# OUR IMPACT

2019- 2023

## *A Safety Net for Youth Facing Homelessness*

Well-supported people do well. In a loving environment, we provide a safety net and community for young people facing homelessness

## *An Inclusive Community Where Youth Can Thrive*

We're working to create a community where all youth have the supports, resources, and opportunities to thrive.

**34** Youth housed and employed

**21** Graduates accessed outreach supports

**86%** Graduates in employment or education

**40** Employers enhanced their inclusive employment skills

## *Work 2 Live*

Through the Work 2 Live program, we provide housing, employment, access to outdoor recreation, and wraparound supports for youth aged 19-27 facing homelessness. Youth spend 12-24 months living, working, and playing in the mountain community of Whistler, building connections to themselves, community, and the land.

## *Adventure Sessions*

Our Adventure Sessions program offers no-cost access to skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, and hiking for youth aged 13-27 who are at risk of homelessness in the Sea to Sky Corridor and Metro Vancouver. In partnership with Whistler Blackcomb, the Adventure Sessions have offered equitable access to mountain sports in Whistler since 1997.

**875** Visits from youth facing homelessness

**30%** Youth returned twice or more

**45%** Visits from youth living in the Sea to Sky Corridor

**35%** Visits from Indigenous youth



*Because* Everyone Deserves a Home



# What's New?

We've enhanced our programs to provide holistic, accessible supports every day of the year. Meanwhile, we're investing in preventing, not just reacting to, youth homelessness.

## Our Own Private Housing Units

For the first time, we now rent and manage nine beds of housing to provide safe homes for youth.

## On-site Overnight Support for Youth

365 days per year, staff are on-site at our homes to provide wraparound support.

## Zero Ceiling Auntie Program

We partner with elders from the Squamish and N'Quatqua Nations to offer cultural supports for youth

## Accessible Mental Health Support

Access to low-barrier, trauma-informed, virtual counselling in partnership with Dan's Legacy.

## New Outdoor Experiences

We now offer hiking alongside snowsports and mountain biking to be more inclusive for youth.

## Uplifting Youth Voice

We've created *They Have Spoken*, an action committee of youth who influence our practices and policies.

## Training for Local Employers

We've created training for employers so they can create more inclusive workplaces.

## Collaborating for Bigger Impact

Since 2020, we've been an active member of the BC Coalition to End Youth Homelessness.

## Equity & Inclusion

We're working to embed principles of justice, equity, decolonization, and inclusion in everything we do.

*“The empowering was nice, the boost was nice ... because of how self-deprecating I was, I didn't realize I was doing anything or getting anywhere, and when she showed me that list [of accomplishments] it really boosted me up. One lesson that stuck with me was that I wasn't as bad of a person as I thought I was, and I was doing better than I thought I was.”*

Work 2 Live Graduate, 2023

# What's Next?

By 2028 we want to:

- Grow from nine to 22 beds of housing
- Own permanent housing for our programs
- Offer equitable access to the outdoors for all youth facing homelessness in the Sea to Sky
- Empower youth with new opportunities to shape and lead our programs
- Generate sustainable revenue so we can always be here to empower youth

# Get Involved

To achieve our ambitious goals, we need your help.

## Donate

Unrestricted funds help us focus on our mission

## Partner

To provide access to housing, employment, and the outdoors

*“The [Adventure Session] was so memorable for each youth and it's something they'll remember for years to come. Words can't even express how grateful we are to have had that opportunity, and it's something that will stick with us and the youth we serve.”*

Mia - Youth Worker