



The Open Door

The Homes For Heroes Newsletter (April 2020)

With growing concerns and impacts of COVID-19, the Homes for Heroes Foundations thoughts go out to all those affected by the COVID-19 virus and share our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who is working the front lines of this crisis in our community.

Our team is especially concerned for those Veterans currently living on the streets. Unfortunately, if they are experiencing any symptoms of the virus, they are turned away from shelters and there are limited options for them to receive help. Our team is working with various stakeholders across Canada to secure temporary solutions for this problem. Further, we remain vigilant in our mission to end the issue of homelessness among our Veteran population and in this uncertain time, we would like to share some positive news with our stakeholders.

**NOT ALL HEROES
HAVE HOMES.**



In November, tenants moved into 908 ATCO Village in Calgary and we have already seen some remarkable success from the program. The Mustard Seed and Veterans Affairs Canada have been working hard to help our tenants achieve their individual goals. We are already witnessing successful transition from our Veterans now that they have a home. Recently, we had two tenants graduate from the program and two new tenants move in. While we anticipated the average stay within our program to be two years, we are encouraged by the fact this transition process went so smoothly for these two Veterans. Currently at 908 ATCO Village, we have three tenants working full time, four tenants working part-time, and all tenants giving back to the Radisson Heights community.



Future Growth

We continue to push forward in our mandate to develop the program and tiny home villages across Canada. In May, we are presenting to the Edmonton City Council to have our land rezoning approved, so that building in the community of Evansdale can begin. There are still some home sponsorships available for Edmonton and we are also seeking submissions from the families of our fallen to have a home named after those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

To support the Edmonton project, please contact Cameron Diggon (cameron@h4hf.ca), and to nominate a fallen soldier for a home dedicated in their honor, please fill out an application form at:

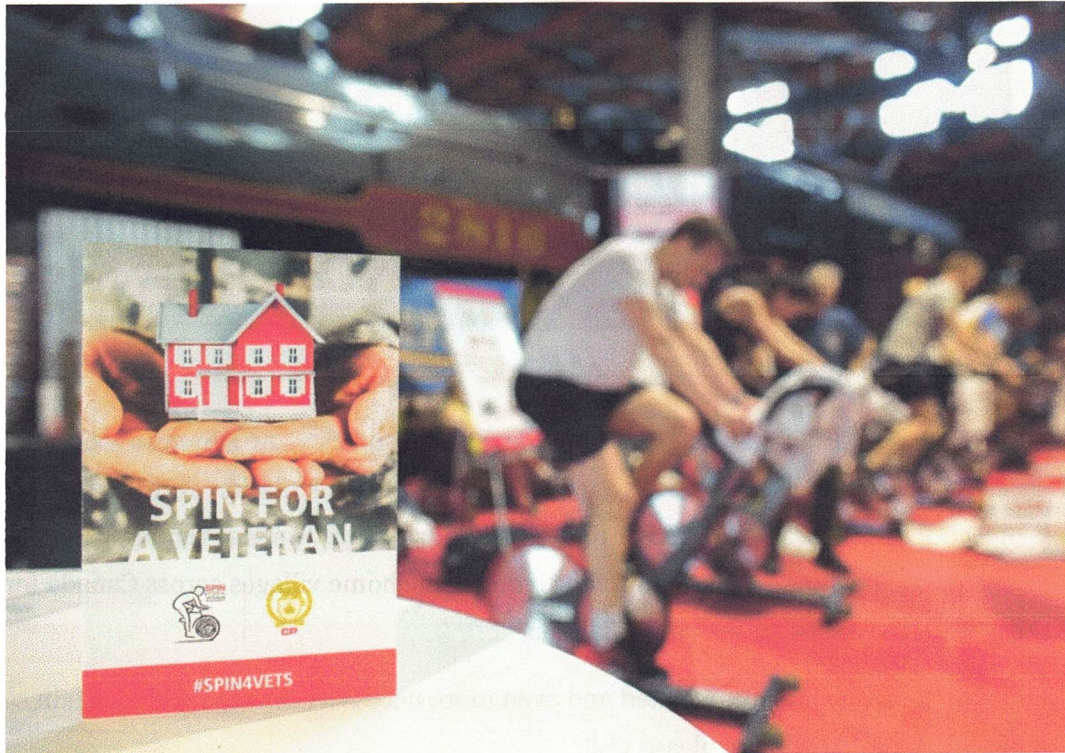
<https://homesforheroesfoundation.ca/honour-plaques/>



In Winnipeg, we will be making a land acquisition announcement very soon. The COVID-19 epidemic has pushed the formal announcement back, but we are very excited to get to work in Winnipeg. Sadly, Winnipeg has one of the largest homeless populations in Canada.

In Ontario, the Province has given Homes for Heroes a formal commitment to assist with securing lands and we are actively working with several stakeholders to firm up options to build. We are also looking to build in three cities as early as next year, and are considering opportunities in the GTA, Barrie, Kingston, London, Hamilton and Ottawa.

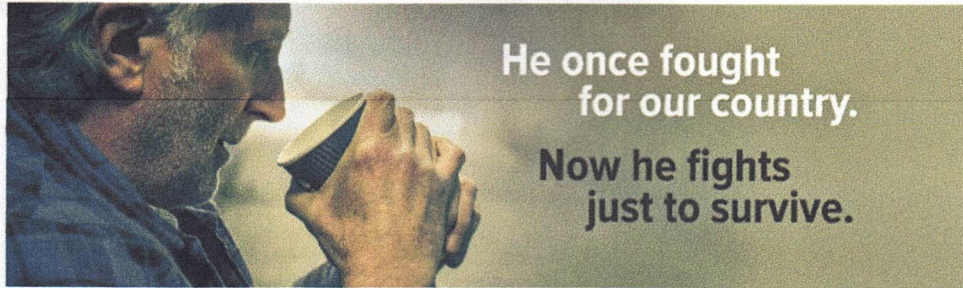
British Columbia is also moving in the right direction. We have a dedicated team in Vancouver helping us secure land to build and are working with the Province on options they have within their portfolio. Our goal is to build our tiny home villages in Victoria, Vancouver and interior British Columbia. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 crisis has set us back in British Columbia, but we are confident to get back on track once our country begins to recover.



Spin for a Veteran

Homes for Heroes Foundation feels very fortunate to have CP Rail as one of our major partners. In fact, CP was our very first corporate sponsor and annually CP hosts a fundraiser for Homes for Heroes called Spin for a Veteran in Calgary. This 24-hour spin event will have teams competing for top honours and prizes for the most distance covered by a team in 24 hours and the most funds raised by a team. Over the last three years, CP Rail has raised \$900,000 for our charity. This event takes place June 6 and 7 at CP Rails head office in Calgary. This is an important fundraiser for our charity, and we would like to thank the CP Rail organizing team, sponsors and riders for their incredible support for our Veteran community.

<https://spin4vets.com/>



The global situation regarding COVID-19 is evolving quickly. At Homes for Heroes, we are taking as many precautions as we can to reduce transmission of this virus and protect our staff and associates. For this reason, our team is working remotely, but we continue to push forward in our pursuit to build tiny home villages across Canada for those who have stood on guard for Canada.

Your support is always appreciated and even more necessary during this uncertain economic time. To donate, please visit:

<https://homesforheroesfoundation.ca/donate/>

Please be safe and take the necessary precautions to keep your community safe. Together we will get through this and continue our mission to end homelessness among our Veteran population.

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Thank you for your continued support.

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