

## Homelessness Prevention Programs

Community Services plays a significant role in the administration of homelessness prevention programs in Niagara. Working closely with federal, provincial and local government, service agencies and Niagara Regional Housing, Community Services develops strategies to build capacity to address the needs of the community.

The Niagara Homelessness Plan, developed with community input, sets out priorities to address homelessness and housing issues. Community Services consults with the Niagara Homelessness Advisory Committee, which is comprised of representatives of the agencies that provide services to the homeless across Niagara.

Utilizing funding from the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy, the provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program and the Niagara Region, Community Services works with service agencies to provide assistance to the homeless including:

- housing support services to help those at risk of homelessness to retain their accommodations
- outreach services to assist those living on the street and households that have lost their housing
- housing services to assist the chronically homeless to transition from the street to permanent housing
- emergency hostel services providing board, lodging, personal needs items and other supports to homeless individuals while they seek permanent housing

Community Services contracts with the following service agencies:

■ Canal View Homes ■ Casa El Norte ■ Community Care St. Catharines/Thorold ■ HOPE Centre ■ Matthew House ■ Nightlight Youth Shelter ■ Project SHARE ■ The RAFT ■ The Salvation Army ■ Share the Warmth ■ Southridge Church ■ The YWCA of Niagara

For further information about Community Services' homelessness prevention programs, please call 905-984-6900, ext. 3812.

