

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

SNA's Holistic Housing has a new project!

SNA's Holistic Housing has received support through the Federal Reaching Home funding provided by End Homelessness Winnipeg to help participants between the ages of 18 and 35 not only acquire housing but also receive wraparound supports. The program runs until the end of March 2021.

On-site SNA staff, Kyler Harper (Hotel Team Lead), Jocelyn Constant (Transitional Housing Worker) and Daniel Big George (Hotel Support Worker) work in partnership with a local hotel to temporarily support individuals while they wait for housing, resources and support. The Transitional Housing Program team expresses gratitude and appreciation for all the assistance and support the hotel staff has been providing the team and participants.

Transitional Housing Worker, Jocelyn Constant steps us through the process the participants go through during this program, "First they are referred to us from either the WE24 program or Homelessness Outreach program. Then the participant is checked into a room. We give them a day to settle in before we start the process. The next day we sit down and discuss what they need in terms of housing, resources and supports. We make a personal plan for them to move forward.

Once the personal plan is in place the participant is connected with the resources they need. Program staff then work with the participant to get whatever they need in place. They will take

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them to appointments and assist with paperwork whether it be applying for EIA, getting ID, making sure the participant can get their income taxes done. The staff will advocate for the participant when needed."

When the participant has housing, the supports will continue afterwards until they are in a good place to move forward. The maximum number of individuals that can participate at any one time is ten.

When asked why this program was important, Housing Coordinator, Ben Simcoe stated, "This project is critical for anyone experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. It gives folks a safe, warm place to stay while remaining socially distanced. It gives them an opportunity to have some stability while our amazing team works with them to get the supports they need, and get successfully rehoused in their own place. This is a game-changing way to work for our team, and for the folks who access our housing programs."

Violence Prevention Program

The Violence Prevention Program examines different forms of gender based violence impacting youth, and explores how we can come together to address them as a community. This program provides an informative and non-judgemental space for youth to collaborate, learn and share. The Violence Prevention Program is open to youth aged 14-19. All genders are welcome, however we prioritize the registration of Two Spirit, Trans, Non-binary youth and girls. All workshops will be held on zoom due to current health guidelines. Email aine@spenceneighbourhood.org for more information or to register.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - HOSTED ONLINE - TOGETHER
FEBRUARY 2021: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.SPENCENEIGHBOURHOOD.ORG
OR EMAIL THE COMMITTEE CONTACT PERSON
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spenceneighbourhood.org/snhap for details!

Have You Been Dreaming About Owning Your Own Home? Receive up to

\$14,000

toward the purchase of a home in Spence!







DONATIONS NEEDED THANK YOU!

WE24 - Jackets, Socks, Shoes/Boots, Toothbrushes. Tooth Paste, Deodorant, Soap, Razors, Bottled Water, Back Packs, Granola Bars, Individual Snack Items, Mitts and Hats Warming Fire - Firewood, newspaper & Medicine (sage, cedar, etc) **Building Belonging** - Skates

All donations can be dropped off at 430 Langside (MERC)

Mail Pick Up 430 Langside (MERC) **Monday - Friday** 10 am - 2 pm

Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA):

Website: www.spenceneighbourhood.org

615 Ellice Avenue (Head Office):

Community Connecting, Environment & Open Spaces, Finance, Homeless Outreach, & Housing.

430 Langside Street (Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre - MERC): Building Belonging, Children, Newcomer Youth Outreach, West End 24 Hour Safe Space, & Youth Drop-In.

365 McGee Street (West End Commons):

Youth Employment Hub, First Jobs 4 Youth, & Youth Crew 231 Isabel Street (Central Neighbourhoods):

Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN)

350 Spence Street (Axworthy Health & RecPlex):

Community Sports Program

Email: liaison@spenceneighbourhood.org |

SNA's Annual General Meeting

A huge thank you to all our staff, board and community members who attended our virtual AGM and worked to make it a big success! We had live music, fantastic snacks, and many lovely photos and reports to share!

We said good-bye to three long time board members - Joan Hay, Ayla Banks and Lynne Summerville. We thank them so much for their ongoing dedication to SNA and all their work as board members and members of our executive committee.

We also welcomed many new board members and had existing board members shuffle into new roles! Please see our updated list of board members below! Thank you to these members for participating on the SNA board, we all look forward to working together with you!

As much as we enjoyed ourselves, we are really looking forward to welcoming you to in-person community events, including our AGM in 2022. Let's all stay safe and healthy so we are able to gather again soon!

SNA Board of Directors - 2021

President - Gerry Berard Vice President - Anny Chen

Treasurer - Andrew Single

Area 1 - Andrew Single

Area 2 - Chris Taran

Area 3 - Ghanshyam "Sam" Sharma

Area 4 - Anny Chen

Area 5 - Courtney Welch

Area 6 - Stephanie Unger

Area 7 - Mandela Kuet

Directors-at-Large
Gerry Berard
Tristan Malcom
Sheen Chan
Meredith Mitchell



If you missed getting a copy of our 2020 Annual Report, we have a copy on our website!

Take a look at:

www.spenceneighbourhood.org/agm

If you want a hard copy:

Contact

lia is on @spence neighborhood.org.



Warming Shelter and Warming Fire still going strong at 430 Langside (MERC)!

SNA has partnered with West Central Women's Resource Centre to offer the community a Warming Centre. In this space, community members of any age can come to warm up and enjoy a cup of coffee and a warm meal for up to 30 minutes. Winter clothing items, small and large, are available for those in need, as well as hygiene supplies. The Warming Centre is located inside the Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre everyday from 10 am to 2 pm. COVID-19 precautions and guidelines are in effect for a safe experience in the space for both staff and community members.

In addition to the indoor warming space, SNA has also included as part of the effort to keep our community members warm, a warming fire! The fire is situated in the 'Kids' Garden' beside the Recreation Centre. There you will meet the firekeeper, Toryan, and he promises to tell only good jokes! Warming fire hours are also 10 am to 2 pm.

Donations of wood, newspaper and Medicine (sage, cedar, tobacco, etc) appreciated.





Website and Social Media

Website: www.spenceneighourhood.org

Facebook: SpenceNeighbourhoodAssociation

Twitter: SNAcommunity
Instagram: SNAcommunity





CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Building Belonging

Families in the Spence neighbourhood can register to receive weekly activity packages delivered until programming starts up again. Packages include an art activity, colouring supplies and donated books, games and sports equipment. Program registration forms are available at the MERC-430 Langside St. or on our website. Contact us at buildingbelonging@spenceneighbourhood.org

Newcomer/Youth Program

Our youth drop in program delivers Cultural Recipe packages every Friday. If you are a youth between 12-17 years old and want to get a package you can contact Amina at newcomer@spenceneighbourhood.org or through Facebook: Spence merc. We are here to support you!

Community Sports Program

We will be having a virtual sport program on our social media pages. These will include daily posts that surround that particular day's theme (fitness, healthy, mindfulness, and sport).

Daily Facebook. Twitter, Instagram Posts on Active Living Also can be found on our website and Youtube.

Warming Shelter

Monday - Friday (including holidays) 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 430 Langside (MERC) Services:

Warm Up Space - 30 minutes
Hot Meals
Hygiene Supplies
Winter Gear
Access to Washrooms
Masks Required
Social Distancing in Place
Open to All

Warming Fire

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Youth Employment Hub

The First Jobs 4 Youth program is providing remote services. The Coordinator can be reached at aaron@spenceneighbourhood.org
Youth Crew is open and is performing essential Services at the WestEnd Commons.

Contact Leslie or Ana at firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org or call 204-801-6740 for all other inquiries.

WE24 Overnight Safe Space

Monday - Sunday 11:00 pm - 7:00 am 430 Langside - MERC Cell #: 204-333-9681





MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Holistic Housing

SNA Homebuyer Assistance Program
For more information:
www.spenceneighbourhood.org/snhap
All other programs are working remotely.
See advertisements for contact information for
Homelessness Mentor and Rental Safety Coordinator.

housing@spenceneighbourhood.org 204-783-5000 Ext. 105

Environment and Open Spaces

All programs are working remotely until March 2021. Contact: greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org

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Holistic Housing Committee 615 Ellice

Contact: Housing Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext.105 housing@spenceneighbourhood.org

Community Connecting Committee 615 Ellice

Contact: Community Connector at 204-783-5000 ext.106 or safety@spenceneighbourhood.org

CED Committee

365 McGee Contact: Youth Employment Hub Coordinator at 204-801-6740 or firstjobs@spenceneighbourhood.org

Youth & Families Committee

430 Langside
Contact: Youth Programs Manager at
204-783-5000 ext. 111 or
mungala@spenceneighbourhood.org

Environment and Open Spaces Committee 615 Ellice Contact: EOS Coordinator at 204-783-5000 ext. 102 or greenimage@spenceneighbourhood.org

