



By Carolina Meneses Zamora

Last month our youth participants completed a six week program named, Mental Health through my Lens: A Youth Photo Project . This program was run in partnership with Huddle Broadway and it provided our Youth Drop In participants with the opportunity to learn and share their knowledge about mental health related topics such as positive and negative coping mechanisms, mindfulness, self care, etc.

Participants were provided with diaries and disposable cameras and were asked to reflect and take pictures related to each session's topic. For example, one week, they took photos of things and/or people who make them feel good or make them experience positive feelings. Another week they took photographs of things they have negative association with. Youth were very creative and engaging with their pictures and got the opportunity to share their thoughts with the rest of the group.

Before having a great pizza party, the youth also created and decorated amazing paper photo albums for their pictures .Thanks to our amazing participants, partners, and funders for such a great opportunity!

If you want to be part of our Youth Drop In program this summer you can email newcomer@spenceneighbourhood.org or come visit us during our summer hours: Monday to Friday from 4:00 pm till 6:30 pm at the MERC (430 Langside St.)



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NEWS

Indigenous Input in Local Housing Project

Indigenous Input in Local Housing Project is a 3 phase project, conducted through our Holistic Housing Department. In the summer of 2021 Spence Neighbourhood Association received funding from the Community Based Tenant Initiative (CBTI) for the first phase of the project to conduct a Participatory Research Project that would focus on identifying gaps in service and barriers to housing Indigenous people face when they are transitioning from their home communities to living in the city, specifically the Spence area. For the first phase of the project we conducted 2 rounds of interviews, interviewing a total of 47 people who had moved to the city in the past 11 years. In addition we surveyed 74 community members living in the Spence community and 24 Service providers as a way to gain insight to Indigenous people's experience when looking for housing and housing services in Winnipeg. From the research gathered a written report was published and shared with the community. The report - From House to Home; Safe Spaces for Us summarizes the findings from the first phase of this project and makes recommendations to address the gaps in service and barriers Indigenous people face when looking for and securing housing when transitioning to living in the city of Winnipeg. We are now entering into phase two of the project that will focus on designing and developing strategies and actions to address the findings and recommendations identified in the written report. This will be done with the guidance of the steering committee, that has been in place since phase one and through a series of working groups. The goal of phase two is to create resource toolkits for landlords and service providers, as well as an informational video series for Indigenous people who are transitioning to living in the city of Winnipeg. This year we have a new Indigenous Input in Local Housing Coordinator, Ryan McKay.



INDIGENOUS INPUT IN LOCAL HOUSING PROJECT COORDINATOR

Ryan

Cell: 204-979-9169

Ryan Spencehousing

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(9:30am-4:30pm, Monday - Friday)

Hello,

my name is Ryan McKay and I am the newly hired Indigenous Input In Local Housing Project Coordinator at the Spence Neighbourhood Association. I was born and raised on Rolling River First Nation and attended post secondary in Brandon, MB. before moving to Winnipeg 12 years ago. I have a vast amount of work history & knowledge in the social services field and hope to share and contribute as much as I can in my new position. In my spare time when I am not working, I enjoy attending pow wows, ceremonies, spending time with family and Karaoke. I look forward to meeting new people and creating new friendships and collaborations with my new position. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Digital copy of the report can be found on our website
<https://spenceneighbourhood.org/publication/from-house-to-home-safe-spaces-for-us/>
 Or you can pick up a paper copy at our office located at 615 Ellice Ave.

Want to advertise in our newsletter? Go to
spenceneighbourhood.org/get-involved/newsletter
 for more information.



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 Housing Team



Housing Coordinator

Cheryl



 204-881-8556

 Cheryl Spencehousing

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Jasmine



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Rental Safety Coordinator

Gordon



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Receive up to

\$14,000

toward the purchase of a home in Spence, Central Park, Centennial, West Alexander, Daniel McIntyre, or St. Matthews!



Conditions apply

Eligible income:

\$35,000-\$84,600

The Spence Neighbourhood Homebuyer Assistance Program (SNHAP) puts the rising cost of homeownership within reach of qualifying families who may be able to afford the monthly costs associated with owning a home, but who may have difficulty saving for a down payment.



DONATIONS NEEDED

THANK YOU!




Socks, Shoes, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Soap, New Under Wear, Razors, Shampoo and Conditioner, Bottled Water, Back Packs, Granola Bars, and Individual snack items.

All donations can be dropped off at 430 Langside ((MERC) or contact Chantel at donations@spenceneighbourhood.org

Website and Social Media

Website: www.spenceneighbourhood.org
Facebook: [SpenceNeighbourhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SpenceNeighbourhoodAssociation)
Twitter: [SNAcommunity](https://twitter.com/SNAcommunity)
Instagram: [SNAcommunity](https://www.instagram.com/SNAcommunity)



Housing Team is looking for donations for their participants

Housewares Needed

Items needed:

- Pots & Pans
- Cutlery
- Dishes & cups
- Toasters
- Microwaves

Other items:

- Cleaning supplies



Donations can be dropped off at The MERC 430 Langside St, Monday - Friday 8am-3:30pm

To co-ordinate an after hours drop off contact Chantel at donations@spenceneighbourhood.org or call 204-688-9236



Building Belonging

SNA's Building Belonging Summer Program for children ages 6-12 will run Monday to Friday 12-3pm at the Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre (430 Langside St.) with a daily meal, structured activities and pick up from home available starting July 4 until Aug. 26. Registration forms are available at the M.E.R.C (430 Langside St.) or on the SNA website. Contact us at buildingbelonging@spenceneighbourhood.org.

Newcomer Youth/Youth Drop In Program

Our in person Youth Drop In program is happening this summer from Monday to Friday from 4 pm till 6:30 pm. Join us for a snack, basketball, soccer, volleyball, or some fun arts and crafts activities. You can also register for summer outings ! We are delivering Food Around the World packages for those who want to receive at home the ingredients to complete recipes from different cultures around the world. Transportation provided at the end of the program. Have any questions? Contact us at newcomer@spenceneighbourhood.org

Community Sports Program

Free to play soccer is Wednesday, Thursday, Friday nights 5-8 (ages 11-17) & Saturday Mornings 10-12:30 (ages 7-11) .

Reach out to sport@spenceneighbourhood.org for additional information

We will be having a few different programs for Sport coming soon.

Youth Employment Hub

The **First Jobs 4 Youth** program is providing remote services. Applications are closed. The Coordinator can be reached at aaron@spenceneighbourhood.org

Youth Crew is open and is performing essential services at the WestEnd Commons. Contact Leslie 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
Contact Mel - WE24 manager at
Email: mel@spenceneighbourhood.org



Environment & Open Spaces
Community garden beds are getting planted!
The heat & rain have given the weeds a head start,
but we're catching up.
Volunteers to help weed and tidy up in community gardens wanted! For more info contact
greenhouse@spenceneighbourhood.org or leave a message at (204) 783-5000, ext.102

Community Greenhouse
It's positively lush inside, trellis wires have been installed to support tomato & cucumber plants, eggplants, peppers, cucumbers & tomatoes all bearing fruit.
Basil, chard & kale getting huge.
Site upgrades (tool shed, toilet) coming soon.
Open hours at greenhouse (689 Maryland) Thursdays 4-6pm. Contact
greenhouse@spenceneighbourhood.org.

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Holistic Housing

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Community Connecting

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204-783-5000 ext.106 or
safety@spenceneighbourhood.org

Community Economic Development

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

Youth & Families

430 Langside
Contact: Youth Programs Manager at
laison@spenceneighbourhood.org

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