

# BLUE DOOR YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION



## Dear Blue Door Family,

At Blue Door, we believe that real change happens when communities come together with compassion, determination, and a shared vision. This past year at Blue Door, has been a testament to the fact that real change happens when communities come together with compassion, determination, and a shared vision.

This stewardship update is more than just numbers and stories—it is a reflection of the collective difference your generous support has made together. It highlights the resilience of the individuals Blue Door serves, their dedication, and, most importantly, the unwavering support from people like you.

As you read through these pages, I hope you feel a deep sense of pride in what you have helped accomplish. Your commitment ensures that Blue Door can continue to provide housing solutions, essential services, and hope to people in need.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your generosity fuels Blue Door's mission, and we are truly grateful to all your contributions that has brought us here.

With gratitude,

Michael Braithwaite  
CEO, Blue Door



# COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR, RICHMOND HILL 2025



**Exceeded the \$150,000 goal**

Donations will be accepted till March 31 at [CNOY's website](#)

**50 Teams**

**342 Walkers**

**54 Volunteers**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who fundraised and walked on February 22! With over \$150,000 raised, 342 walkers, and 50 teams, your support has made a lasting impact.

As Blue Door's signature annual fundraiser, Coldest Night of the Year, Richmond Hill helps fill critical funding gaps and supports innovative solutions to prevent and end homelessness in our community. Your generosity ensures that vulnerable individuals and families have access to safe emergency, seasonal, transitional housing and essential services.

Presented by Home Trust, this year's event was a testament to the power of community. Thank you for walking and making a difference for the lives of so many!



# KEVIN'S PLACE REDEVELOPMENT



A spacious property with a single-family home transformed into 14 stacked townhouses, tripling housing capacity.

Thanks to your generous support, the transformation of Kevin's Place is officially underway. On November 29, community leaders, government partners, and funders gathered to celebrate the official groundbreaking at 835 Gorham St.—the future site of 14 new, accessible stacked townhomes for individuals and families in crisis.

While Kevin's Place has long served as a vital source of emergency and transitional housing, the new development has been thoughtfully designed to reflect today's realities—ensuring greater accessibility, enhanced privacy, and expanded wraparound supports that empower residents on their journey toward stability.

These townhomes will offer far more than a place to live. They will be a foundation for new beginnings, where individuals and families can find not only housing, but dignity, safety, and hope for a brighter future.

We are deeply grateful for your belief in this project. Thank you for helping turn this vision into reality.

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## 'A big swing': Officials break ground on new emergency housing in Newmarket

Blue Door starting demolition, reconstruction of new 14-unit Kevin's Place facility

**Joseph Quigley**  
Nov 29, 2024 2:50 PM

United Way Greater Toronto vice-president Nation Cheong, Newmarket-Aurora MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy, Blue Door CEO Michael Braithwaite, Blue Door COO Emmy Kelly, Newmarket-Aurora MP Tony Van Bynen and Newmarket Mayor John Taylor break ground on the new Kevin's Place redevelopment on Gorham Street Nov. 29. | Joseph Quigley/NewmarketToday

# THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS FOR KEVIN'S PLACE



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# INCREASE IN EMERGENCY BEDS



## Welcoming Rouge Valley Menonite Church to our Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold Program

Thank you to Rouge Valley Mennonite Church for joining the [Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold](#) program as a new host site, expanding the community's capacity to provide seasonal emergency housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. This partnership supports the seasonal housing pillar of the broader housing continuum—offering immediate relief and critical support during the colder months.

Operating seven nights a week, the program provides warm meals, clean clothing, medical care, and housing support to help guests move toward permanent, stable housing.

By taking part in this initiative, Rouge Valley Mennonite Church is offering more than just housing—they're providing safety, dignity, and hope. Their compassion and leadership are helping to drive meaningful change across York Region.

Thank you for being an essential part of this work and for making a lasting impact.



**X safe nights  
provided**



**135,500 meals  
provided**



**514 unique  
individuals  
served**



**6 faith based  
organizations  
provided their space**

# IMAGINE CANADA ACCREDITATION



**Accredited**  
**IMAGINE CANADA**

## Blue Door Achieves Imagine Canada Accreditation

Thanks to your continued support, Blue Door has officially achieved Imagine Canada Accreditation—a nationally recognized standard that confirms your investment is supporting an organization that values excellence, accountability, and transparency in the non-profit sector.

This achievement shows that the organization you support meets the highest standards in governance, financial accountability, ethical fundraising, staff management, and volunteer engagement. It reinforces the trust you place in this work and ensures that your generosity is making a measurable, lasting impact in the lives of individuals experiencing homelessness.

This milestone belongs to you. Your belief in creating safe, supportive housing and life-changing opportunities is what drives this work forward. Because of you, people facing complex barriers can access programs and services delivered with care, integrity, and a deep commitment to dignity.

Thank you for helping make this possible.

