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Our Mission

To address the needs of at-risk and homeless youth in Durham Region by working with youth and other community partners to provide opportunities that will support their success.

Our Vision

All youth have a place to call home where they feel welcomed, accepted and valued; and where youth are equal as partners in creating a better community.

A Community Challenge

Youth homelessness is a community challenge that requires a community response. Be part of the solution. Please make a donation.

Shelter Occupancy Rates



Durham Youth House

The Only Shelter for Homeless Youth
in Durham Region

**It Hurts To Be Homeless
Especially During This Season of Hope**

You can be part of the solution - please give.

(Our administrative costs consume only 7% of our total budget)

Toonies For Teens

Volunteers Needed

Financial assistance from the Region and Province covers half of our shelter's operating costs - we rely on fundraising to cover our remaining costs.



We are currently looking for volunteers and partners to assist with our "Toonies for Teens" fundraising campaign.

Part of the "Toonies for Teens" campaign will consist of volunteers setting up information booths at locations throughout Durham. The general public will be given the opportunity to learn more about the shelter, as well as show their support by donating a toonie. In addition, in the near future Durham Youth House will also be distributing collection tins to leave at business locations throughout Durham.

If you are a business, church or public location and would like to participate by allowing us to setup a booth for a day, or a number of days, please [send us an email](#) or give us a call at 905-239-9377.



It Hurts To Be Homeless

Did you know that almost a third of Canada's homeless population are 16-24 year-olds?

That's 65,000 young people without a place to call home.

It's a serious situation - one that needs to be addressed.

What Our Youth Are Saying . . .

Since opening on April 7, 2008, we have helped over 50





Capacity: 10 Beds

- 80.0% May
- 90.6% June
- 90.6% July
- 96.5% August
- 98.3% September
- 97.4% October
- 92.0% November



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youth. Here's what a couple of them had to say:

"It just felt more like a home than my actual one"

"I found my way here where I almost feel like a kid again - a kid with a million miles behind her and a million more to go"



Durham Youth House Chosen
To Receive Funds For Durham Region

Hats off... It's Toque Time!

The Toque Campaign is a national initiative that gives people from all walks of life the chance to raise funds, raise fun and raise awareness in the fight against homelessness in Canada. This year, [Raising the Roof](#) celebrates the 12th anniversary of this popular fundraiser. Since 1997, Raising the Roof has sold over 575,000 toques to Canadians wishing to demonstrate their support for solutions to homelessness!

Warm your head and your heart! Buy your special Raising the Roof toque - available in classic black or stylish khaki green - in exchange for a minimum \$10 donation to support programs and initiatives that make a difference in the lives of thousands of men, women and children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Then, wear your toque proudly on Toque Tuesday - February 3, 2009 - to show that you care about Canada's homeless.

Please help us help homeless youth.

To purchase toques or ball caps; or if your business would like to assist us by selling toques, please contact Mary Dunlop at 905-239-9377.

A Word Of Thanks

The opening of Durham Youth House, the only youth shelter in Durham Region, has become a reality through the collaboration and support of [places of worship, businesses, foundations and individuals](#) throughout the community. Special recognition is extended to our major financial supporters: [Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation](#), [Ontario Trillium Foundation](#), [Port Perry & Prince Albert United Churches](#), [Regional Municipality of Durham](#) and [Human Resources & Social Development Canada](#).

A heartfelt thanks to our most recent major supporters, [ING Direct](#), for their donation of \$10,000 in December!



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