



SIMFC Homelessness Initiative

Transitional House - Located at 132 Ave R South



Homelessness in Saskatoon

There are many things that contribute to homelessness in any city in every country in the world.

Addictions, trauma, abuse, and mental health concerns all factor in to a person being homeless.

Poverty seems to be the end result for many people that are or have experienced any of these issues.

Furthering their education or holding down a steady job is usually not a realistic possibility for many.



Transitional House

It is with this in mind that the Saskatoon Indian Metis Friendship Centre has partnered with the Saskatchewan Housing Authority (SHA) to initiate the SIMFC Transitional Housing Project. Through this pilot project SIMFC has acquired three vacant units from the SHA. This project will later be reviewed with the intent to expand the program



The reasons

- Current Social Assistance rates are inadequate for those that are unable to work to supplement their income
- Basic income provided is \$600.00 for rent and utilities and \$315.00 for food and all other expenses
- Rates for a one bedroom suite range from \$800.00 to \$1000.00 per month which does not include utilities



The Goal

The goal of the project is to house 7 homeless and or hard to house people and offer them the opportunity to learn the skills and abilities that will enable them to live independently. This will be achieved by providing training in basic life skills such as budgeting, cooking, minor home maintenance.



How it works

SIMFC will have staff on-site 24 hours a day to work with people as they transition from their current lifestyle and living situation to an independent and supported lifestyle. They will receive assistance with personal goal setting and achievement. On-going support for any addiction or mental health concerns will be provided as required









Overview

The last Homeless Point in Time Count (PIT) conducted found that there were 550 people that stated they were chronically homeless. Of those identified 85% identified as being First Nations or Metis.

Many stated that they do not feel safe in the shelters as violence and crime are a common occurrence

Over 80% of people said that they have addiction issues

Changes to the Social Services program have been cited as a contributing factor to the increasing number of evictions in Saskatchewan