

# Berard House - 4750 Huron Street Niagara Falls

## Project Vision

Increasing the availability of supported, affordable housing by developing Berard House a 9 unit supportive housing project located in downtown Niagara Falls

## Project Goals

- Increasing availability of affordable housing
- The provision of safe, permanent, affordable housing
- Providing long term, flexible, on site supports to tenants
- Skills training
- Permanent community resource
- Sustainability
- Strengthen & enhance community partnerships
- A rejuvenated and diversified downtown Niagara Falls
- Commitment to Smart Growth

## More Information

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**Gateway Residential and Community Support Services of Niagara is a registered charitable organization that has been providing housing and support services within the Regional Municipality of Niagara to individuals living with serious mental illness for the past 31 years.**



**In partnership with the Government of Canada, CMHC, the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, Niagara Regional Housing (NRH), the City of Niagara Falls and LEAP Properties, Gateway has built 9 new units of supported affordable housing. We were able to capitalize on Federal, Provincial and Regional funding initiatives in the amount of \$720,000 or \$80,000 per unit and the total project cost was \$1.2 million.**

**The goal of this project was to create 9 new affordable housing units (all 1 Bedroom) and to provide the necessary support services required to meet the needs of some of our communities most vulnerable and disadvantaged citizens in order for them to live independently in their own community.**

**This new build will enhance the quality of life through universal design elements, landscaping and a classic design which will help to enhance the characteristics of the existing neighborhood. Rents are affordable (based on shelter allowances provided by OW or ODSP) and all utility costs are included.**

**1 - fulltime housing support worker is attached to the building and there is a staff office on site.**

**This turn-key project was completed in November of 2016 and is the first for NRH. Gateway worked with a private developer (LEAP Properties) who owned the land and built the building which is a copy of an existing building we own in St. Catharine's. It is unique because there was no cash outlay until the project was completed. Meridian Credit Union was instrumental in assisting us to bring the project to fruition.**

**The Board of Directors of Gateway Residential and Community Support Services of Niagara is committed to building safe, affordable, supported and long term housing.**



**Griffith Street Group Home** is the foundation of our organization and was opened in 1987 in the City of Welland, and is still in operation today. This residence is a 7-bedroom home with shared facilities and tenants receive 11 hours of support services daily. 1 Full-time and several part time positions support this site. Individuals living in the group home live with severe and persistent mental illness. The group home operates as a transitional housing program with the goal of moving people into their own home in the community. Rents are geared to income.



**Repei Place** opened its doors in 2012 in Port Colborne. This building includes 2 - Bach, 18 - 1BR and 3 - 2BR Units, a staff office, Community Room and Community Kitchen. This building works with partnering agencies including The Oak Centre, March of Dimes and Community Living to provide safe, affordable, supported housing. This building has 1 dedicated full time Gateway Housing Support Worker, a live in superintendent and staff from partnering agencies all of whom support individuals in the building. All units are Rent geared to income and inclusive of all utilities



**The Dr. Peter Grant Haven of Hope** opened its doors in 2007 in Welland and was the first affordable housing build for Gateway. This 2 story walk-up has 31 units (1 - Bach, 28 - 1BR and 2 - 2 BR units) and our administrative offices are on the main floor. A community Room and Community Kitchen are available to tenants. All tenants receive on-site support services from Housing Support Staff and a variety of programing options are offered to ensure long term housing stability. This building offers supports to tenants who suffer from mental illness by offering them a place to live in their own community with respect and dignity. This building has a one Full - Time Housing Support Worker dedicated to building tenants. All units are Rent Geared to Income and inclusive of all utilities.



**Berard House** opened its doors in 2016 in Niagara Falls. This building is a replica of Grundy House in St Catharine's and was a turnkey project for Gateway. This building has 9 supportive 1 - bedroom units and an office on-site. This building has 1 full time Housing Support Worker who supports tenants living with a mental illness. All units are Rent Geared to Income and inclusive of all utilities.



**Grundy House** opened its doors in 2010 in the City of St Catharines. This residence has nine 1-BR housing units and an on-site staff office. This building was a joint partnership with Mainstream Services, focusing on individuals who are dually diagnosed. Together we provide safe, supportive housing for those living with mental illness and a developmental diagnosis. This building has a dedicated worker from both Gateway and Mainstream that support individuals in the building. All units are Rent geared to income and inclusive of all utilities.



**Canal View Homes** became a part of Gateway in 2017 as an amalgamation. This project was opened in the City of Welland in 1991 and is a 7 story building with a total of 57 units, 17 Market Rent and 40 - RGI. There are 30 - Bach, 13 - 1BR, 13 - 2BR and 1 - 3BR. The ground floor is all commercial space where Housing Support Staff operate from and the remainder is rented out to the MPP, Variety Store, Consumer Survivor Initiative and Credit Counselling, Community and Recreational space. 20 units are designated supported housing and tenants receive services from a Gateway Housing Support Worker, other tenants receive support services from partnering agencies that include; CMHA, ACT, addictions, seniors, families, developmental and brain injury.



*Providing safe, affordable housing for over 30 years in Niagara*

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