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Veterans' House Canada separates from Multifaith Housing Initiative

FRIDAY MARCH 31, 2023 – OTTAWA: Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) understood the gap in affordable housing available to veterans. The increase in Canadian Veterans seen more often in Ottawa shelters was alarming. Veterans, for a variety of complex reasons, have increasingly become homeless or at risk of homelessness in our city.

MHI set out to develop an affordable housing model for veterans where on-site programming, and mental and physical wellbeing were prioritized. MHI already knew the secret sauce to building successful affordable housing communities, as a veterans only supportive housing community would become the charity's fifth project.

MHI began the pilot project by engaging with a variety of stakeholders and supporters including all levels of government, the defense and veterans' communities, corporate supporters, and individual donors across the country to fund, develop, and design the first veterans only supportive housing of its kind. *Veterans' House Canada: The Andy Carswell Building* opened its doors on February 1st 2021. Before long, all units were occupied and a waiting list started. More veterans needed a safe, affordable, and stable place to call home.

Second charity established

"We are very proud that our pilot project, *Veterans' House Canada: The Andy Carswell Building* has been so successful that it gained its own charitable status." said Executive Director of Multifaith Housing Initiative Suzanne Le. "This housing model lends its self to be replicated across Canada to provide more homes for veterans. Veterans' House Canada will do just that!"

As *Veterans' House Canada: The Andy Carswell Building* celebrates its two years in operation, Veterans' House Canada, the new charity is expanding. Cities under consideration include Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, Montreal, Calgary, Halifax, and Winnipeg. This story is far from over. Watch Veterans' House Canada grow at their new home: www.veteranshousecanada.ca

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