



MHI news release: Celebrating 20 years of leading by doing!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 – OTTAWA: On November 17, 2022, Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) celebrated its 20th anniversary as an affordable housing provider at a fundraiser and gala held at the Centurion Conference & Event Centre.

Over the past 20 years, MHI has provided affordable housing to the Ottawa Community with its five properties but more recently opening The Haven - a 98-unit affordable housing community in Barrhaven, and Veterans' House Canada located at the site of the former CFB Rockcliffe air force base. All MHI's tenants benefit from MHI's signature housing model that includes onsite programming and activities that build community and strengthen bonds.

In January 20, 2022, the National Capital Commission announced Dream LeBreton as the successful proponent to develop the "Library Parcel" of LeBreton Flats. Within Dream LeBreton's 600-unit development, MHI will own and operate 130 affordable one-to-three-bedroom units. These affordable units will serve the priority populations identified in Canada's National Housing Strategy: Algonquin and other Indigenous peoples, veterans, recent immigrants, women and children, and adults with cognitive disabilities.

To celebrate National Housing Day & MHI's 20th anniversary, the charity unveiled their ***Dream LeBreton Capital Campaign*** with a goal of raising \$1.5M to reduce the cost of building 30 Indigenous household units to start. While Indigenous Peoples represent 4% of the population in Ottawa, 32% of people experiencing homelessness in our city identify as Indigenous (2021 Ottawa Point-in-Time Count). The true percentage of people experiencing homelessness who identify as Indigenous is likely higher. This number is on the rise as Indigenous Peoples move from their home communities into urban areas, while suffering from intergenerational trauma, poverty, racism, and discrimination.

MHI wishes to thank the gala sponsors; presenting sponsor Canso Investment Ltd, gold sponsor Dream, beverage and entertainment sponsor Commissionaires Ottawa, table sponsor Sequoia Church, and centerpiece sponsor Flowers by Maggie.

MHI thanks their many supporters over the years and welcomes friends kickstart the next 20 years by donating to Dream LeBreton Capital Campaign.

Celebrate National Housing Day and 20 years of Multifaith Housing Initiative by [donating now!](#)

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