



January-April 2023

Ryandale Transitional Housing

Third transition house added to Ryandale operations

With its two houses filled to maximum capacity, Ryandale—in partnership with the City of Kingston—is pleased to announce the acquisition of a third transition house, scheduled to open in the summer of 2023.

The fully staffed house will offer supportive living to up to eight individuals who are well integrated into the community and are committed to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. In accordance with the same due diligence that is exercised at Ryandale's other houses, the third house will undergo inspections, renovations and modifications to ensure that Ryandale continues to provide the safest, most accessible accommodations to the residents before the house opens for occupancy. Neighbours will attend an informational open house on April 29.

As the City stated in a March, 2023 news release, "Supportive affordable housing is part of the housing continuum and is a critical service that still has gaps in the community." The support to be provided at the third house will include regular health checks for residents from Frontenac Community Paramedics (as needed) and regular food dropoffs from Loving Spoonful, the Food Redistribution Warehouse and the Seniors' Food Box.

On top of the costs associated with purchasing and renovating the property, City Council has also approved a yearly operational funding plan for Ryandale, making it possible to ensure adequate staff coverage.

Ryandale chair Bob Crawford adds, "It is exciting and gratifying to see the City of Kingston moving boldly with financial and other supports to address the range of housing needs in our city. While ours is a small role, we will strive to see this project carried out with excellence, for the overall benefit of our community."

The assistance of a dedicated team of community partners has enabled Ryandale to virtually triple its capacity in the past two years: It now offers transitional housing services to 23 people who were experiencing homelessness, up from eight in 2021. Thank you for your support!



Clergy St. House Update

In December, 2022, one of the Clergy St. residents discovered a pigeon that had been injured by a predator. Although many people wouldn't have thought twice about helping her, this resident persuaded staff to take the bird, which he had named Noelle, to Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre for treatment and care.



Shelter staff didn't make any promises, so everyone at Clergy had to content themselves with the knowledge that they had at least tried to save Noelle. Imagine their surprise when Sandy Pines called in March to say Noelle was ready to come home!

Noelle made a full recovery, and rejoined her flock within seconds of being released from her carrying box. The resident who found Noelle has since moved into permanent housing, but he was happy to hear that she had recovered and been brought back to Clergy St. He said Noelle was a fitting symbol of what can happen when people don't give up on you, even if some might not see your value.

If a pigeon is worthy of care and attention, so are we all. Ryandale continues to be grateful for the support of our community, including our dedicated volunteers and board members, the members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Manse Fellowship Committee and our many agency partners.

REFERRALS: 5 HOUSED: 3 NEW RESIDENTS: 3

Victoria St. house update



Although last winter was mild by most standards, some siding was stripped off the Victoria St. house by a storm on Christmas Day. A crew from Energy Kingston Exteriors put everything to rights and also increased the insulation on that side of the house, improving the house's energy efficiency and increasing comfort for the residents.

Several residents at Victoria St. continue to search for appropriate long-term care accommodations that will serve their specific health needs. In the interim, they have made appointments with Frontenac Community Paramedics to monitor their health and ensure they receive timely medical care. As our residents' needs increase, so does the range of supportive services Ryandale provides.

Participation in programming that is tailored to individual needs is a requirement for staying at the transition houses. While Ryandale recognizes that not everyone is ready or able to commit to self-care and behaviour modification, we are here to help those who are, even when the going gets tough.

REFERRALS: 12 HOUSED: 2 NEW RESIDENTS: 2



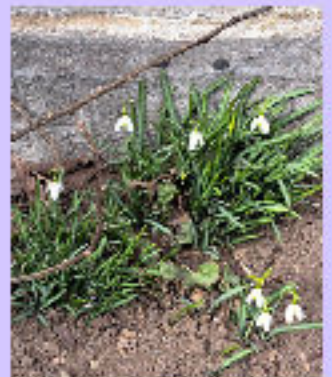
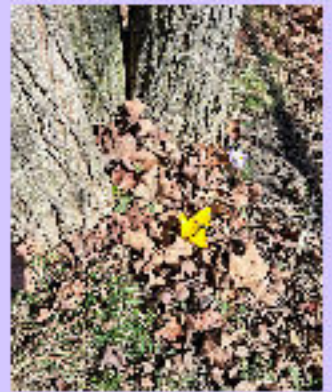
Along with sponsorship by the [United Way](#), [Ontario Trillium Foundation](#), the [Community Foundation for Kingston & Area](#) and [Community Spirit Gaming](#), Ryandale continues to benefit from some of the best community partnerships an agency could hope for. Not pictured here are the many donations of food - both fresh and prepared - and other items that come from [Khalsa Aid](#), [Bread & Butter Bakery](#), [Pizza Pizza](#) and [Pig & Olive](#), as well as sizable donations of household goods that are needed for opening the third house.



Shown at left are just some of the items provided to Ryandale by [Loving Hands Kingston](#). Loving Hands is a network of volunteers that has been working for years to supply individuals and agencies in the region with everything they need to furnish households.



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Above: Early spring blooms at Clergy St.

Some donations are less visible than others, but just as important as big-ticket items. [SOCKS Kingston](#) has been providing new socks to Kingston's vulnerable community since 2017. Ryandale is a grateful recipient of these socks, and often has extras to share, such as from the generous donation shown at right, received in March.

