



Welcome to Community Connections!

At Ryandale Transitional Housing, we believe that strong communities are built on connections, collaboration, and compassion.

Through this newsletter, Community Connections, we aim to keep you informed, inspired, and engaged with the work we're doing together to support individuals and on their journey to stability and independence.

Season's Greetings!

from Ryandale Transitional Housing



As the holiday season approaches, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our supporters, partners, and community. Your generosity and commitment have made it possible for us to continue providing safe housing and essential services to those in need.

This season reminds us of the importance of hope, compassion, and community. Together, we've helped countless individuals transition to

brighter, more stable futures.

From all of us at Ryandale, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year filled with peace, love, and new beginnings.

Thank you for being a part of our journey.

Join Ryandale Transitional Housing This Giving Tuesday!

GIVING TUESDAY

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2024



This Giving Tuesday, we invite you to be a part of something bigger—a movement that changes lives. On December 3rd, people around the world will come together to give back, and we hope you'll join us in supporting those who need it most in our community.

At Ryandale, every dollar helps provide safe shelter, essential resources, and hope for individuals transitioning to stability.

Your generosity fuels our mission and creates a ripple effect of positive change.

Here's how you can participate:

- ✓ **Donate:** Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.
- ✓ **Spread the Word:** Share our Giving Tuesday campaign with your network.
- ✓ **Get Involved:** Volunteer your time or skills to support our programs.

Together, we can make this Giving Tuesday a powerful day of impact. Let's give hope and build brighter futures, one connection at a time.

Visit our website to learn more.

DONATE

Thank you for your continued support!

We Now Accept Vehicle Donations!



There are so many ways to help support us, and vehicle donations are one of them! Thanks to our partnership with Donate A Car Canada, we can accept everything from cars and trucks to motorcycles and RVs! Drivable or not, every vehicle has value!

Fill in a donation form at www.donatecar.ca or by calling **1-877-250-4904** and have a free tow arranged for you too! Your vehicle is turned into a very generous donation for us and becomes a great tax receipt for you!

DONATE A CAR



**Welcome Patti Ridlon,
Operations Director!**

Ryandale Transitional Housing is pleased to announce the appointment of Patti Ridlon as the new Operations Director. With an extensive background in social services, nonprofit leadership, and addiction recovery, Patti joins the team at a pivotal time as Ryandale continues to expand its programs and services to address the growing housing crisis in Kingston.

Patti, originally from Baltimore, Maryland, brings a wealth of knowledge gained through her co-founding One Promise Recovery Housing, which continues to operate clean and sober homes for men and women. Her hands-on experience with recovery housing complements Ryandale's mission to provide safe, temporary accommodations while fostering independence and stability.

The timing of Patti's appointment comes as housing insecurity in Ontario remains a critical issue. According to recent data, the need for transitional housing has increased by 20% in the last year alone, emphasizing the importance of innovative leadership in this space. Patti's operational expertise and her commitment to fostering partnerships align perfectly with Ryandale's mission to empower individuals and families on their path to stable housing.

The Faces and Places of Ryandale



Victoria Street, Opened in 2004
Home to 7 men.



House Manager,
Dave McQueen



Clergy Street, Opened in 2021
Home to 7 men.



House Manager,
Shane Hoadley



Fieldstone Drive, Opened in 2023
Home to 8 men.



House Manager,
Jessica Doyle



Kaycie Brant,
Support Worker

Jaimelee Earl,
Support Worker

Halima Imisse,
Support Worker /
Office Administrator

Calling all Volunteers

Make a Difference at Ryandale Transitional Housing

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? Ryandale Transitional Housing is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help us create a supportive and enriching environment for our residents. Whether you have a knack for organizing fun activities or practical skills to share, we'd love to have you join our team!

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Volunteers to cover shifts at the Community Spirit Gaming Centre. This is an easy and impactful way to support our mission.
- Maintenance Helpers: Use your handy skills to keep our houses safe and welcoming.
- Class Instructors: Share your talents by leading activities like paint nights, drawing classes, or life skills workshops (budgeting, cooking, communication).

Your time and expertise can have a lasting impact on those we serve. Let's work together to build a stronger, more connected community!

👉 **Interested? Contact us at operationsdirector@ryandale.ca to sign up.**

Thank you for helping us make Ryandale a place of hope and growth!

Volunteer Spotlight

Since 2021 Dawn & Joseph have been true beacons of hope and kindness. Whether it's lending a listening ear, or simply bringing a smile to the faces of our residents, they always go above and beyond.

Thank you, Dawn & Joseph for being essential parts of the



Ryandale family.

Thank You
All Our Volunteers!



As we wrap up another year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to the incredible members of the Ryandale Transitional Housing Board. Your dedication, guidance, and unwavering support have been instrumental in helping

us navigate challenges and continue our mission of supporting individuals in need.

This past year, your vision and commitment have made a real difference in the lives of so many in our community. From strategic planning to hands-on support, every effort you've made has helped us create a brighter future for those we serve.

Thank you for your time, expertise, and passion for Ryandale. We couldn't do it without you!

Friends of Ryandale



Ryandale Transitional Housing was thrilled to receive a generous \$1,000 grant from [Kingston Community Credit Union \(KCCU\)](#). This funding will directly support our mission to provide safe housing and essential services for those transitioning out of homelessness in Kingston. Thank you KCCU!



A huge thank you to the [St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11670, Kingston, Ontario](#), for their generous donation, which allowed us to tackle an unexpected water leak and repair the damage in one of the back bedrooms in our transitional housing.



Every week, we visit the [Lionhearts Inc. Kingston](#) warehouse to pick up donations of food and supplies to deliver to our 3 houses!
THANK YOU Lionhearts Inc. Kingston!



We are incredibly grateful to the [Rotary Club of Cataraqui-Kingston](#) for their generous donation of \$1000 toward the purchase of BBQs for Ryandale Transitional Housing. This thoughtful contribution will help provide a welcoming outdoor space. Thank you!



We are so fortunate to be one of the more than 50 charities that partner with [Community Spirit Gaming Centre](#) in Kingston!

Come on in and try your luck!

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers!



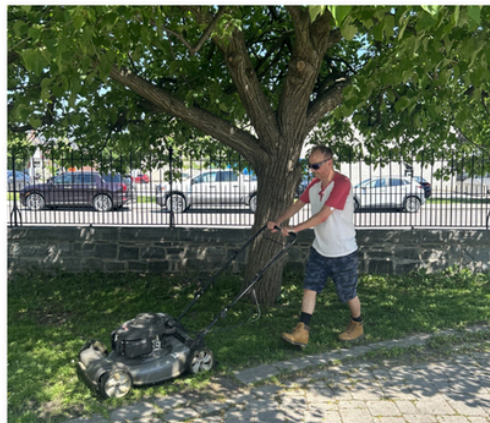
[The United Way Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington](#) DAY OF CARING on Friday, June 7th was an amazing day at Ryandale!

Thank you to the United Way and all the incredible volunteers who visited our three houses and assisted with numerous tasks!



We are beyond grateful to Emily (https://www.instagram.com/music_by_emilym/) for generously donating \$300 of her busking earnings from the Princess Street Promenade on Sept. 21st to Ryandale Transitional Housing!

**Ryandale in Action: Building Community,
Creating Home**



Spread Holiday Cheer: Support Ryandale This Christmas



This holiday season, help us bring hope and warmth to those in need. At Ryandale Transitional Housing, we provide safe accommodation and essential services to individuals transitioning out of homelessness. But we can't do it without you.

Your donation can:

Provide a warm, safe place to stay during the coldest months.

Support life-skills training and counseling for residents.

Help individuals rebuild their lives and achieve stability.

Every dollar makes a difference.

Whether it's a one-time gift or a monthly contribution, your generosity can change lives this Christmas.

Give the gift of hope.

Visit [ryandale.ca/donate-to ryandale/](https://ryandale.ca/donate-to-ryandale/) or [contact us](#) to learn more about how you can help.

Thank you for your support, and happy holidays!

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