



UNITED WAY WRC
CAUSE AREA



Taking Action On Housing & Homelessness

Housing is a right, not a privilege.
Everyone deserves a home.

A home provides the foundation for individual health and wellbeing and is the launching pad for positive social interactions and being engaged in your community. No one can reach their goals without safe, appropriate housing.

6500 families
are on the
waitlist
for an
affordable unit
in Waterloo Region.¹



Of people experiencing homelessness in
Waterloo Region

28% first became homeless
when they were 16
or younger.²



A story of resilience from



Beyond headlines on local homelessness comes a story of resilience and hope from A Better Tent City (ABTC). Joe, a resident at ABTC, worked in construction before experiencing an injury, that led to a prescription that in turn led to a life changing addiction and the loss of what he calls a “normal good life”. His cabin is neat and clean and on one wall he has built shelves that hold photos of his smiling, young children.

He began to volunteer to do more jobs on site by shovelling and snow removal so that all residents (including the one who uses a wheelchair) could get to both the tent for food and to the washrooms. He built shelves, porches, and bed platforms for other residents. As his confidence grew and he took on more work, ABTC’s site coordinator shared stories of his good work in the community. Slowly, he began enjoying regular video calls with his kids. At times it is heartbreaking, but he knows that he is on a good path, with friends & supports.



Local Solutions

Thanks to your support, here are a few of the frontline organizations that United Way WRC funded in 2021-2022 to address housing & homelessness locally.

Programs Changing Lives



- Supportive housing & alternative housing options
- Emergency shelters
- Street outreach
- Eviction prevention supports
- Drop in spaces & wrap around services for at risk youth
- Supports for finding and securing housing

Women's Crisis Services
OF WATERLOO REGION



Social Development Centre
WATERLOO REGION



A BETTER TENT CITY

CAMBRIDGE
SHELTER
Embracing Hope



oneROOF
YOUTH SERVICES



House of
Friendship



Argus

ACCKWA
The AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo & Area



¹ The Record (<https://www.therecord.com/news/council/2021/11/30/waterloo-region-chair-redman-would-love-to-see-an-end-to-homeless-camps.html?rf>)

² The Record (<https://www.therecord.com/news/council/2021/11/03/number-of-homeless-in-waterloo-region-has-tripled-in-three-years.html?rf> Point in Time Count Survey)

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