

Public Outreach and Community Engagement

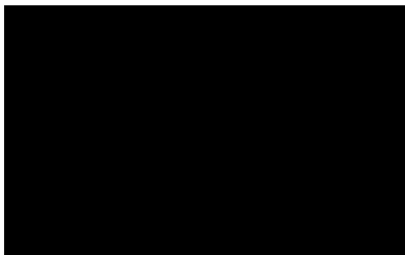
Over the past year, Youth Safe Lodge has continued to make efforts to build positive relationships with the residents and families in the surrounding neighbourhood.

As part of our community outreach efforts, a **yearly Youth Safe Lodge newsletter** highlighting the activities, programming, services, and accomplishments of the Lodge over the past year was prepared and delivered to **all addresses within a two-block radius** of the facility. This provided an opportunity to keep our immediate neighbours informed about the work taking place at the Lodge and the positive impact the program has on local youth and the broader community.

Youth Safe Lodge also hosted a **community BBQ** the second week in July, extending invitations to residents living on our block and the neighbouring blocks. The event was attended by **four different local families** and provided an informal opportunity for staff and community members to meet, socialize, and discuss the Lodge and its role within the neighbourhood.

Through ongoing informal conversations with neighbourhood residents, feedback has generally been positive. Residents have indicated that they consider Youth Safe Lodge to be **good neighbours** and have expressed an understanding of the nature of the work being done at the facility. Some residents have noted that there are **occasional outbursts or disturbances involving Lodge guests**, but these have generally been understood within the context of the population we serve.

Youth Safe Lodge recognizes that being a good community partner requires ongoing communication, responsiveness, and transparency. We will continue to engage with our neighbours and seek opportunities to strengthen these relationships while ensuring that the Lodge remains a safe and supportive environment for the youth who access our services..



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YOUTH SAFE LODGE



ABOUT US

Our Den provides a vital stepping stone for youth by offering a non-judgmental space where they feel safe, supported, and genuinely valued. It creates an environment where young people can begin to build trust, access supports, and take meaningful steps toward stability and independence.

Having the Youth Safe Lodge within the neighbourhood has played an important role in strengthening our community as a whole. Its presence has allowed us to more effectively respond to the needs of local youth, enhance and support our existing initiatives, and help fill critical gaps in services that many young people continue to face. We have also witnessed meaningful growth in many of the youth and young adults who access the Lodge, as they are able to connect with consistent support, build positive relationships, and develop the skills needed to move forward in a healthy and sustainable way.

"Im grateful for the love and support I recieved from here"

YSL Guest - 19 years old



YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD HAS HELPED SUPPORT



Feed and Cloth Youth and Young Adults to help them on their journey.



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Youth and Young Adults connect to Mental Health Service & Addiction Supports



110+

Youth and Young Adults in our Community



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Youth and Young Adults connect and get supported though Legal services



23

Youth and Young Adults in to stable housing

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