



YWCA NIAGARA REGION

Hope for Homeless Women and their Families since 1927

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The YWCA Niagara Region was established in 1927, in an effort to respond to identified needs in the community. The YW has a long standing history of providing safe, supportive housing, and programs directed to the development of homeless and impoverished women and their families.

As the largest provider of Emergency Shelter in the Niagara Region and a recognized expert among funders and community agencies, the YW offers innovative housing programs and services that provide hope for women and their families living in poverty.

The YW provides shelter, food and assistance to homeless women and their families. We are committed to social change and work to create a community that supports women who are living in poverty and provides support through each step towards financial stability and independent living.

Services include:

- Two **20 bed emergency homeless** shelters for women across the Niagara Region
- One **15 bed modified emergency homeless** shelter for men in Niagara Falls
- One **4-unit family emergency homeless** shelter in St. Catharines
- One **2-unit modified family emergency homeless** shelter in Niagara Falls
- Ten **housing first units** across Niagara
- Three phases of **transitional housing** across the Niagara Region
- **Life Skills programming** including at-school programming for youth

Mission

The YWCA Niagara Region is part of a national and worldwide movement that is passionate about empowering women and their families by providing safe, supportive housing and programs and creating opportunity for all women to reach their full potential.

Vision

The YW is a leader in the Niagara Region, providing awareness through education and advocacy to raise the equality of women and the visibility of issues in our community.

2015/2016 By the Numbers

In 2015/2016 we provided:

- **103,720** meals were served
- **1,805** women, men, & their families had a warm place to stay and a hot meal to eat this year
 - **720** women and 130 children stayed in our Emergency Women's Shelter
 - **88** families with 266 children stayed in our Family Shelters
 - **54** men with 11 children stayed in our Men's Shelter
 - **4,443** participants took part in our Skills Development Workshops
 - **489** clients accessed our Sex Trade On My Terms drop-in program
 - **872** women participated in our Women's Addiction Recovery Mediation program
 - **24** women stayed in our On Site Transitional Housing units
 - **33** women stayed in our Supported Transitional Housing units
 - **187** women stayed in our Off Site Transitional Housing units
 - **Two** men and **three** women stayed in our Housing First units

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