

## Information for Landlords

YWCA WNAH maintains a waiting list of clients in need of affordable housing. We are looking for landlords who are willing to work with us to provide rental housing for these individuals and families.

### Advantages:

- Hassel free process from start to finish
- Potential tenants are interviewed for the unit by YWCA WNAH staff
- Guaranteed rent payments as they come directly from YWCA WNAH
- Cleanliness of unit maintained and unit inspected monthly
- YWCA WNAH responsible for any damages other than regular "wear and tear" and foundational issues such as plumbing or leaking roofs
- Seeking all sized units including bachelor/1 bedroom up to full sized 3-4 bedroom homes
- The satisfaction of giving back to your community

Our current landlords enjoy peace of mind and cost savings with reduced advertising and vacancy costs, as well as saving valuable time. If you are interested in working with us through our landlord program please contact us.

### Barriers:

- Lack of transportation services for clients to access community supports
- Lack of accessible housing for disabled persons or seniors
- No emergency shelter services in West Niagara
- Community awareness of WNAH services
- Need for more landlords within our program

## Our Mission

To broaden the availability of a range of types of housing and provide support services where necessary to enable people to be self-sufficient and remain in West Niagara.

## Our Vision

Every person in West Niagara is able to equitably access adequate and secure housing.

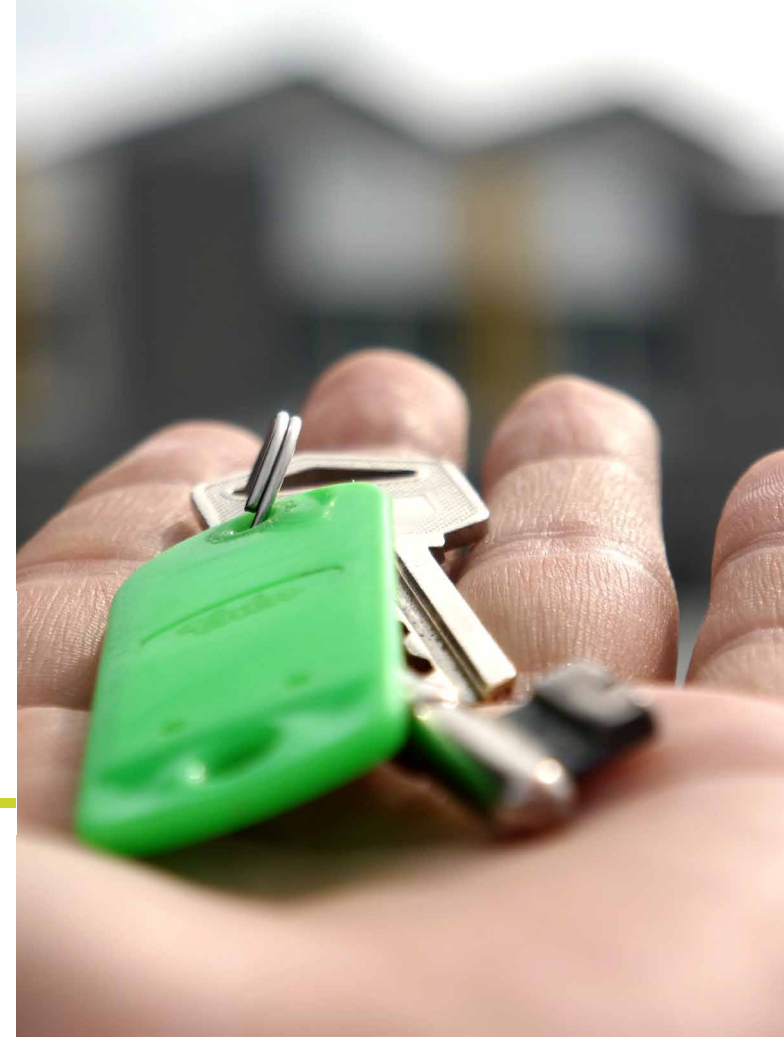


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## Programs & Services



Formerly Grimsby Affordable Housing Partnership





## YWCA West Niagara Affordable Housing

The YWCA Niagara Region partners with West Niagara Affordable Housing to provide transitional supportive housing to individuals or families within West Niagara. The goal of YWCA WNAH is to lead individuals to self-sufficiency within the timeframe of one to three years.

Our goal is to provide temporary relief through housing allowances for persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Through their transition, participants work with skilled staff to set goals that will lead to more independence. YWCA WNAH also provides residents with skills development training, support, goalsetting, advocacy and referrals to other programs and services that might be of benefit, such as employment supports, counselling and legal aid. Those in residence have the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

*“The YWCA West Niagara Affordable Housing Program, they become your support system. Build you up. they help you be who you want to be.”*

*- Beth, Past Resident*

*“On average, we receive approximately 5-10 applications for program admittance each month and receive an average of at least 15 calls or email program inquires per week from potential clients looking for housing, and from service providers,”*  
*Cheryl Aliferis, Offsite Transitional Housing Worker*

## About Us - WNAH

### GAHP and LAAH

In 2016, the Grimsby Affordable Housing Program and the Lincoln Association for Affordable Housing merged in order to streamline the efforts of like-minded and neighbouring organizations, and expanded its geographical reach across West Niagara. The new name, West Niagara Affordable Housing, better reflects the scope of our work.

### Who We Are

WNAH is a local volunteer-based and community-driven organization dedicated to increasing the availability of affordable housing and preventing homelessness. We believe that people come first and that housing is a right. We respect the dignity of those we help and work collaboratively with the community to work toward our vision.

### Pillars

- Increase the inventory of affordable housing options. Housing has one of the biggest impacts on people’s well being. It is the gateway to better education, jobs, and quality of life.
- Engage landlords to make more affordable rental properties available. As West Niagara grows, the number of households that find affordable housing out of reach will increase.
- Identify and build new partnerships.

