

REMOVING BARRIERS TO STABILITY

The Slaight Family Foundation Right at Home Program

CHRISTINA - The Slaight Family Foundation Right at Home Program beneficiary





HOMELESS YOUTH
ARE **193 TIMES**
MORE LIKELY TO
HAVE BEEN INVOLVED
WITH THE CHILD
WELFARE SYSTEM
THAN THE GENERAL
PUBLIC.

ELLEN - The Slaight Family Foundation Right at Home Program beneficiary

The goal of The Slaight Family Foundation Right at Home Program was to support young people transitioning from the child welfare system who were at risk of becoming homeless. The program ensured youth in transition had the supports they needed in their journey toward securing stable housing.

Delivered in partnership with Pacific Community Resources Society in Vancouver, British Columbia, RaY Inc. in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and with a variety of partners in Toronto, Ontario, including the Children's Aid Societies, Covenant House, and Eva's Initiatives, program components included financial supports for housing, such as first and last month's rent and access to a caring housing navigator/expert to coach youth through this transitional period. We helped young people secure sustainable housing so they could focus on completing their studies, secure sustainable employment and, as a result, stand a greater chance of leaving behind the generational cycle of poverty and neglect.

Program beneficiaries throughout the four-year program were 58% female, 38% male, 2% transgender, and 3% describe themselves in another way. The average age of recipients was 22 years old, with the youngest person accessing resources aged 16 years, while the oldest was 30 years.

RESULTS FROM THE FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM INDICATE THAT Youth were able to focus on completing their studies and/or secure sustainable employment, and that it provided a greater chance for them to leave behind the generational cycle of poverty and neglect.

“ I recently moved and have undergone a lot of stress with school and moving costs. [The Slaight Family Foundation Right at Home Program] has helped to reduce some of these financial burdens.”
- The Slaight Family Foundation Right at Home Program beneficiary

*Between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2019, a diverse group of 726 young people accessed critical support through the The Slaight Family Foundation Right at Home Program.

BEFORE ACCESSING THE PROGRAM

Former youth in care told us that, before the program



- 74% were housing insecure
- 48% had some high school education and 39% had completed high school
- 10% had some college or university education and 3% had graduated from post-secondary
- 56% were not working, 24% were working part-time irregular hours, and 6% had full-time work

PROGRAM IMPACT

726 YOUNG PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT, ACCESS TO A HOUSING NAVIGATOR, AND/OR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.



488 YOUNG PEOPLE SECURED HOUSING AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THEIR INTERACTION WITH THE PROGRAM.



123 YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORTED AS THEY MOVED TOWARD STABLE HOUSING.

19 YOUNG PEOPLE REUNIFIED WITH THEIR CHILDREN, WHO WERE TAKEN INTO CARE IN PART DUE TO THEIR UNSTABLE HOUSING CONDITION.

TESTIMONIAL

“My experience with The Slight Family Foundation Right at Home Program was amazing. I felt very supported not only financially, but emotionally as well, and I would recommend the program to anyone who is struggling with finding a home for themselves or for their family. This program gave me second chance.”

- The Slight Family Foundation Right at Home Program funding beneficiary

“ The funds you have generously provided make earning my degree an achievable goal. Earning my degree with health concerns has been a difficult path, but I am now able to see the end goal and I am so grateful for [The Slight Family Foundation Right at Home Program’s] support! You have made a significant difference in my future. Thank you!

- The Slight Family Foundation Right at Home Program beneficiary

THE SLAIGHT FAMILY FOUNDATION RIGHT AT HOME PROGRAM

In addition to experiencing economic hardships and a lack of secure housing, we recognize that many young people who are homeless are in the midst of significant developmental changes, and they may not have the resources, resilience, education, social supports or life skills necessary to foster a safe and nurturing transition to independence. Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada’s The Slight Family Foundation Right at Home Program granted supports to youth so they were able to focus on their education and careers, including access to housing navigators to assist them in finding safe, stable housing and financial assistance for rent payments and furniture purchases.



To learn more about the program, visit cafdn.org/rightathome

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Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada is our country’s leading charity dedicated to improving the lives of children and youth involved in the child welfare system. We raise and grant funds, and deliver a wide range of high-impact programs and services in partnership with 74 child- and youth-serving agency partners that support more than 22,200 vulnerable young people and 3,500 families annually. Stand Up for Kids is our national campaign for child welfare, which aims to change the futures of Canada’s most at-risk kids – those who have experienced abuse, neglect, and abandonment. We know that by helping these young people to overcome their trauma and break the cycle for future generations, they gain the strength and resilience to create a lifetime of their own unstoppable successes.

To learn more about how you can transform the lives of vulnerable youth, please contact:

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