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A Safe and Affordable Place to Call Home

2026 spring newsletter

Welcome to this edition of A Safe and Affordable Place to Call Home newsletter

This issue highlights the diverse and collaborative work being done to better understand and address the complex challenges of housing insecurity.

From a recent workshop in Saskatoon exploring the intersections of income, assets, and housing access, to new research on disability and housing in Ontario, this edition brings forward critical insights grounded in both research and lived experience. We also spotlight innovative approaches, including a veterans' tiny-home community in Calgary and creative, arts-based advocacy projects led by disabled communities across the country.



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Behind the Research: Voices from A Safe and Affordable Place to Call Home

As part of A Safe and Affordable Place to Call Home, we spoke with a range of project leaders, researchers, and community partners to explore how their work contributes to improving housing outcomes across Canada. These conversations offer insight into the many perspectives shaping the project and the impact of collaborative, interdisciplinary research.

Featuring voices such as Dr. Jacqueline Kennelly, Dr. Gabriel Maracle, Dr. Burak Gunay, Dr. Jeremy Wildeman, and Jeremie Lafleche, this series highlights diverse perspectives spanning policy and Indigenous leadership, environmental research, community-based work, and digital innovation. Together, these interviews reflect the shared goal of creating safer, more affordable, and inclusive housing solutions.



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Pathways to Equity Workshop – Saskatoon



On March 24, 2026, Pathway to Equity, a research initiative hosted by Community-University Institute for Social Research, convened a workshop in Saskatoon titled “Income, Assets, and Housing Insecurity.” The event brought together researchers, practitioners, and community members to explore the complex relationships between financial stability and housing access.

The workshop featured John Stapleton, a leading economist and social policy expert, alongside a panel of lived-experts who shared personal insights and experiences. Participants also engaged in interactive breakout sessions, fostering meaningful dialogue and collaborative discussion around key themes of income inequality, asset-building, and housing insecurity.

This gathering provided an important space for knowledge exchange and community-informed perspectives, contributing to ongoing efforts to advance equity in housing and social policy.



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Disability and Housing in Ontario (2000-2025)

Housing is a fundamental human right, yet for millions of disabled people in Ontario, this right is still out of reach. Rising disability rates, limited accessibility, and ongoing affordability challenges make the need for adequate, affordable, and accessible housing more urgent than ever. Our white paper, *Disability and Housing in Ontario*, explores the current landscape and highlights what needs to change to ensure the realization of the right to housing for disabled people.



This white paper examines: housing challenges faced by disabled people in Ontario; opportunities to strengthen federal programs in addressing disability-specific needs; areas for improvement in provincial policies and accessibility laws; municipal planning and accessibility challenges; accessibility and affordability as key to the right to housing; and data and evidence gaps that hinder effective policy and planning.

[Read Full paper](#)



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Tiny Homes, Big Impact: Touring a Veterans' Village in Calgary

In this video tour led by Angie Shilliday, Director of Operations at Homes for Heroes, walks viewers through the ATCO Veterans' Village an inspiring tiny home community designed to support veterans transitioning out of homelessness.

This unique housing model provides not only safe and stable accommodations, but also access to wraparound supports that help residents rebuild independence and move toward permanent housing. The village reflects a growing recognition that tailored, community-based solutions are key to addressing complex housing challenges.



[Learn more about Home for heroes](#)



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Visualizing the Right to Housing for Disabled People in BC

The Canadian Centre for Housing Rights (CCHR) are thrilled to share the results from their partner, Procne Navigation, from their arts-based project: **Competing Crises: Disability and the Right to Housing in British Columbia.**

Using arts-based analysis and a/r/tography, disabled artists created a series of mixed-media visual art pieces, sharing the (non-identifying) stories of people interviewed in CCHR's SSHRC-RGDI-funded project addressing the Right to Housing for People with Disabilities, framing them in the context of the province's housing crisis, climate crisis, legislation and policy.

This one of a series of arts-based projects called: **Re-imagining Home: Arts-Based Projects Exploring the Right to Housing for Disabled People in Canada.**

Across British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, and Nova Scotia, our research team engaged disabled artists and community leaders in using art as a powerful vehicle for housing advocacy as part of our SSHRC-funded project, [The Right to Housing for Disabled People in Canada](#). Disabled people in Canada face disproportionate barriers to secure, accessible housing—barriers too often ignored in mainstream policy and public discourse. Through visually striking paintings, calendars, intimate zines, and virtual gatherings, disabled creatives are putting the housing crisis into sharp focus, sharing stories that statistics alone cannot tell. These community-led projects are designed to break through the noise, engaging government, policymakers, and the public in a bold conversation about equity, access, and the fundamental right to a safe place to call home.



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