

# Working to Solve Homelessness:

## Lookout Emergency Aid Society



*Locating the shelter and transitional housing on the same site has proven cost effective as both programs are able to share many services. In addition, shelter staff are able to provide overnight support to the residents of the transitional housing units.*

In January 2005, Lookout Emergency Aid Society with the support of the North Shore Task Force on Homelessness plus numerous sponsors and local supporters, opened a year-round shelter at 705 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the North Vancouver. On an ordinary basis, this shelter can accommodate 47 people. In extreme weather situations, a satellite site can accommodate an additional 20 people.

Shortly after the shelter opened, 25 units of transitional housing were created on the top two floors of the shelter building. Transitional housing is designed for individuals who have experienced repeated housing crises and need time and assistance to address their health and social needs, and to bring a greater level of stability to their lives. Residents can stay in one of these housing units for up to two years.

Both the shelter and the transitional housing are for adult men and women who have few, if any, housing options. The shelter provides services without charge to destitute individuals, while the transitional housing residents pay rent at the provincial shelter assistance rate of \$359 a month.

The shelter provides a range of services and support including room and board, crisis interventions, access to phone and internet services, free laundry, clothing and shower facilities. Staff at the shelter help link people who are homeless to health care and other support services needed to break the cycle of homelessness. Since early 2007, an outreach worker works on a part-time basis to reach people who are homeless and living outside the shelter.

In addition to the North Shore Shelter and Residence, Lookout Emergency Aid Society operates a further two shelters, four transitional housing programs and six supportive permanent residences for a total of 514 beds. Lookout celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August 2011

For more information about Lookout Emergency Aid Society visit: [www.lookoutsociety.ca](http://www.lookoutsociety.ca).

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