



Inspiring Affordable Housing

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Who are we?



Our Background



Mission Vision Values

Mission: HavenGroup provides housing and personal care services in Christ-centred communities that protect the sacredness and dignity of older and vulnerable persons in an environment of comfort, purpose and hope.

Vision: HavenGroup will be a choice provider of facilities and services, an employer of excellence that prepared itself for growth to meet changing needs of older and vulnerable persons in Steinbach and area.

Values: We value a POSITIVE CULTURE....safe community, human sacredness and dignity, and servant leadership. We value COLLABORATIVE TEAM...respect, honesty, transparent accountability, and ethics within faith distinctives. We value EMBRACING IMPROVEMENT...collaboration, evidenced informed stewardship, and intentional communication.



What makes us different?



Board Representation

- **Homogenous**
- **Non-homogenous**



Which is better?



Supporting the Continuum of Care



What have we learned?



Challenges & Achievements



Looking Ahead



Thank you

ECHO HOUSING



CANADIAN
MENTAL HEALTH
ASSOCIATION

CMHA SWAN VALLEY PARKLAND REGION

CMHA Swan Valley Branch was incorporated October 13, 1990

ECHO apartments goal is to offer affordable, transition and emergency housing to those most at risk including mental health clientele

Established 4 housing opportunities in the Parkland Region, two in Dauphin and two in Swan River

Apartment complexes offer Emergency, Transitional, and affordable housing to the homeless population

CMHA Swan Valley started operation of Supported Housing program in 1991. Program provides support and assistance in finding and securing safe, affordable housing as well as providing individual and group support in life skills budgeting, assertiveness training ect

WHAT IS ECHO HOUSING

Emergency Community Housing Opportunity (ECHO) 3 was created to prevent and reduce homelessness in Dauphin with 10 units of transitional housing with supports and two units of emergency housing for people experiencing homelessness. The facility was made possible by funding in the amount of \$1,050,349 provided by the Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy program delivered by the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation. Land was donated by City of Dauphin



CMHA capacity as landlord and ECHO admissions keeps all the vacancies for the operation of ECHO Apartments in Dauphin and Swan River

ECHO I in South Parkland in Dauphin in operation since March 2007.

ECHO II in Swan River in operation since November 2009.

ECHO III in Dauphin in operation since July 1, 2016

ECHO IV in Swan River in operation since March 1, 2018



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RURAL & REMOTE FUNDING

Rural and Remote stream funding was invested into the ECHO 3 facility in Dauphin to create 10 transitional and 2 emergency units.

This facility is operated by the Canadian Mental Health Association Swan Valley Branch.

ECHO 3 PROJECT - DAUPHIN, MB

This facility was built to help individuals experiencing homelessness stabilize their living conditions and develop housing management skills that are required to move into long-term housing.

CMHA SWAN VALLEY

CMHA has built four ECHO Housing complexes: ECHO I and ECHO III in Dauphin, and ECHO II and ECHO IV in Swan River provide emergency, transitional, and affordable housing opportunities.

ECHO Housing is for adults (over 18) who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. CMHA's tenancy percentage targets 50 % clients with mental health diagnosis and 25% with substance/addictions issues.

The Complexes are all two-storey buildings and house 1-2 people per unit. There are 70 shelter units in total.

The apartments consist of 9 emergency units with two that are wheelchair accessible and can accommodate 1-3 people with 24 hour stay up to 30 days.

There are 22 transitional units and the remaining 39 units are all affordable housing apartments.



**Canadian Mental
Health Association**

Mental health for all

SUCSESSES

- Helping assist the homeless population
- Assisting tenants with life skills and transition to other long term housing
- Building relationships in the community
- Community connecting & partnering
- Breaking social isolation

Challenges

- Not able to provide all resources tenants need
- Dealing with high risk individuals
- Not enough funding for programs
- Turning people away due to no vacancy
- Staff burnout



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