

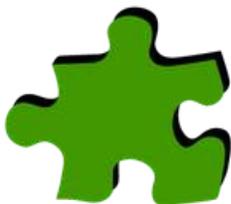


**BNRC
Annual
General
Report
2016**

***PARTNERSHIPS
THAT WORK***

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**WHAT
DOES THE
BNRC
DO?**

Neighbourhoods Alive!

Housing
Community Grants
Research
Marketing

Community Entity

Homelessness Partnering Strategy

Homelessness Individual and Family
Information System

**Brandon Energy
Efficiency Program**

Bug n' Scrub

a message from the chair of the board

Keith Edmunds

Another year has gone by far too quickly, and it is always good to stop and reflect on the challenges and successes that have made up the work the BNRC has done. I feel privileged to sit as Chair of the BNRC board and to be part of a strong and dedicated board. Together with our exceptional staff we have had a fantastic year of growth and redevelopment.

This year marked the beginning of a new 5-Year Community Plan. The board was proud of the extensive input the community provided in developing a plan that is comprehensive, valuable, and provided the BNRC with great direction to deliver meaningful programs over the next five years. To ensure our work was in line with community priorities, the board took the opportunity to develop a new strategic plan that used the Community Plan as a starting point to decide how and where the BNRC fit into achieving these goals. While our strategic plan built on the strength of our current programs, it also provided staff with a new direction, to expand our relationship with the City, to grow our involvement in social enterprise, and to provide more direct programming to our most vulnerable community groups. We are excited about the work being done in these areas, and are so pleased with the new and exciting partnerships that have already developed out of this new Community Plan.

Our new General Manager has now been in place for a full year, and the board and I are pleased with the leadership she has provided. While Marty left the organization with a capable and intelligent staff, and a strong financial position, Carly has infused a new energy into programs and has made great strides in renewing and updating internal policies and procedures that build on the strengths of the BNRC to ensure sustainability in the future.

Looking forward to next year, we are excited about the growth we are poised to see in a social enterprise and in the many new projects and partnerships that are in the works. I would like to close by thanking the community who continue to partner with us and remain dedicated to delivering vital social services and community development projects with us, together we have truly developed 'Partnerships that Work!'

a message from the General Manager

Carly Gasparini

As I reflect on my first year at the BNRC I am overwhelmed with how much I have learned from the amazing staff, exceptional board members, dedicated partners, and the vibrant community residents that work with the BNRC. Being relatively new to the Brandon community, I am amazed by the cooperation, dedication, and enthusiasm that goes behind delivering social services and community development projects here in Brandon. I knew very early on that I stumbled upon a very special network of caring individuals that make up a strong network that is striving for an inclusive and safe community for all Brandonites.

This year's AGM theme is 'Partnerships that Work,' which could really be the theme every year. It is amazing to me how receptive organizations in every sector are to developing new ideas, investing in the redevelopment of the downtown core, and working with us as we achieve the priorities laid out in the 5-Year Community Plan.

I want to take this opportunity to formally recognize the incredible staff that work for the BNRC. Each one has proven to be exceptional and caring employees and the success of the BNRC rest squarely and rightly with them. I want to welcome Angela Hamm as Community Relations Officer and Stephan Warrener as Community Research Coordinator. I would also like to welcome Hope Switzer to her new role as Community Development Coordinator, and Cory Gross into his position as Acting BEEP Operations Manager. I would also like to wish Naomi Leadbeater the best of luck as she moves on from the BNRC to pursue other life goals. She has added so much to the landscape of Brandon community development and it was an honour to have had her on our team. I feel privileged every day to come to work with this group of individuals and am truly grateful for how easy they have made the transition from Marty to me.

I would also like to thank Keith Edmunds for providing exceptional leadership as Board Chair over the last year, and to the rest of the board members. They have been supportive and insightful in their guidance.

As I look forward to what 2017 will bring, I am excited by the possibilities and encouraged by the new partnerships we are already building. I know that there is more work to be done, in our downtown core, and across our community, but there is an energy and enthusiasm across the community to collaborate that I have never seen before and as we come together, our coordinated effort will produce meaningful and lasting change.

Neighbourhoods Alive! Neighbourhood Renewal Fund

The Province of Manitoba developed the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund in 2000 and has been a strong supporter of community development in the BNRC ever since.

The BNRC accesses, and assists neighbourhood organizations in accessing, the Neighbourhood Renewal Funds (NRFs). Through extensive community engagement, the BNRC develops a 5-Year Community Plan that reflects the neighbourhood's objectives and priorities. NRF proposals must support the objectives of the Community Plan.

Since 2000, the NRF has contributed over \$3 million to countless projects across the Brandon community. In several cases, the BNRC has expanded NRF projects into program areas with dedicated staff, including: Front & Paint, Community Small Grants, and Housing Coordination.

The BNRC also used NRF funds to help develop: Community Gardens; Winter Lights Park (Skating Oval); Riverbank Pathways; Bike Paths; Neighbourhood Watch; a Home Repair Program; Storefront Improvements; a Community Food Assessment; and the upgrading of several downtown parks and greenspaces.



RIDEAU PARK



COMMUNITY GARDEN



COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENT

Community Grants

Through Neighbourhoods Alive! Community Grants Program, the BNRC distributes \$50,000 annually to community groups within the BNRC Zone. A few of the organizations that have received funding for the 2015-2016 fiscal year include:

Brandon Environment Committee - Kick-off to National Environment Week



The Brandon Environment Committee has regularly accessed the Community Grants program to bring together the citizens of Brandon in celebration of the environment.

Kick-off to National Environment Week helped educate the general public on environmental issues and connect citizens with environmental stewards within the community in a fun and casual atmosphere. The day featured local entertainment, vendors, eco-checks (for vehicles), free giveaways, as well as educational displays and materials.

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) - Global Market Music by the Waterfall



The Global Market is a gem in the downtown core and has been strongly supported by the BNRC since its inception. Community Projects has helped to fund a number of Global Market events, including Music by the Waterfall. This music series was an opportunity for nearly a dozen local musicians to showcase their talents throughout the summer. Music by the Waterfall provided a lively family-friendly environment where local musicians and vendors were featured.



Community Grants

City of Brandon - Summer Lights Concert Series

The City of Brandon has worked with the BNRC to bring about several valuable community projects, including the very successful Summer Lights Concert Series. This series showcased up-and-coming Manitoba musicians to increase development of the local music scene and provide the community with the opportunity to see talented Manitoba artists. The concert series grew tremendously from the previous season, was available free of charge, and featured local bannock with fresh local honey at the concerts. Focus for the musical mentorship of Brandon youth also increased over the previous year.



The Women's Resource Centre - Women's Wellness Workshops



Through Community Grants, the Women's Center has been able to provide several wellness opportunities for the citizens of Brandon, including the Women's Wellness Workshops. In this workshop series, citizens were provided the opportunity to take part in Yoga, Reiki, stress management, cultural healing, a book club and arts & craft sessions.

YEAR	NA! GRANT	TOTAL PROJECT COST	# OF PROJECTS
2015/16	\$50,000	\$191,915.50	16
2003-2016	\$650,000	\$5,530,793.61	261

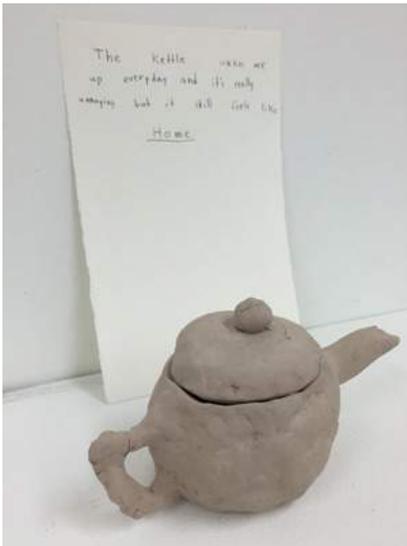
Community Development

A Place to Call Home - Brandon's Roadmap Strategic Framework to End Youth Homelessness

Beginning in June of 2014, a group of over 30 service providers, municipal representatives, community members and planners came together to address the issue of youth homelessness in our city. After extensive research and consultation with youth through focus groups, service provider interviews and two Point-in-Time Counts, the Place to Call Home Steering Committee has published two documents, *A Place to Call Home: Brandon's Plan to End Youth Homelessness* and *A Place to Call Home: Brandon's Roadmap*. While the plan outlined community priorities, the Roadmap sets a path for the community to implement strategies to eliminate youth homelessness.

The Place to Call Home steering committee has chosen The Brandon Friendship Centre as the lead organization to carry out the implementation of this plan. This transition is a positive step in moving the priorities forward while being led by an organization that focuses on the needs of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal youth.

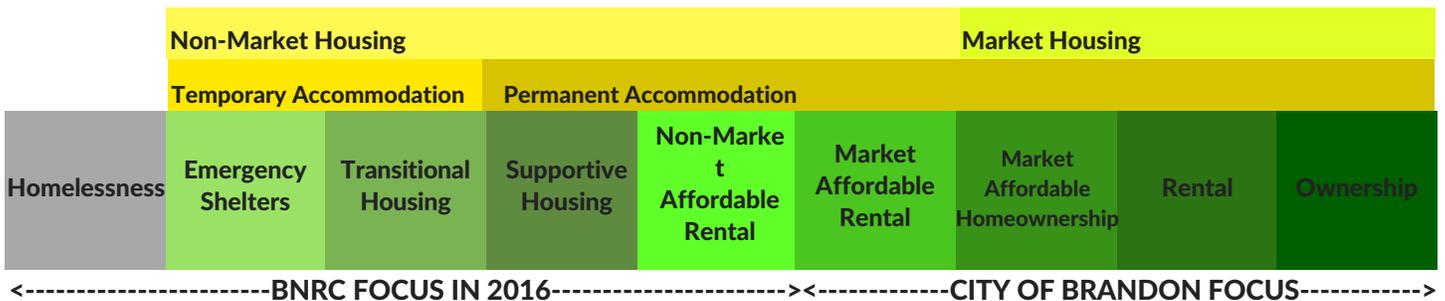
The writing of *A Place to Call Home: Brandon's Plan to End Youth Homelessness* and *A Place to Call Home: Brandon's Roadmap* were funded by The Catherine Donnelly Foundation and coordinated by A Way Home Canada and The Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation.



WHAT IS HOME TO YOU? ART - PART OF THE A PLACE TO CALL HOME CONSULTATION PROCESS

Housing

Affordable Housing has always been a major priority for the BNRC, and in fact, most of our programs play some role in creating, maintaining, or making affordable housing more available to our community. This year, our Housing Coordinator expanded her focus as we took on a new role with the City of Brandon to implement the Affordable Housing Strategy the City created in 2014. This new partnership has not only made it possible for the BNRC to put into action the City's comprehensive plan, it has also allowed us to get a fuller picture of affordable housing in our community and to coordinate the roles of different levels of government, members of the private development sector, non-profits who provide housing, and wrap-around housing services. This fuller understanding of the 'housing continuum' allows us to better communicate our community's needs and advocate for all residents.



Affordable Housing Role in 2015

- directly administering HRAP/RAD
- promoting HRAP/RAD programs to the community
- advocating locally for affordable housing projects
- coordinating communication between Non-Profit Developers
- promoting Manitoba Housing programs

Affordable Housing Role in 2016

- facilitating the development of new rental affordable housing
- reviewing and updating local bylaws
- advocating at Planning Commission meetings
- creating and updating incentives for developers
- developing communication with landlords
- holding information sessions for the public on Secondary Suites development and RHIP
- facilitating information-sharing between funding and regulatory bodies
- developing the Affordable Housing website

Front and Paint Program

The Front & Paint Program continues to provide homeowners and landlords with grants to improve street-view appearance and safety of homes. Qualifying households within the BNRC district received up to \$1,500.00 for eligible repairs, including: window and door replacement, fencing, eavestroughing and downspouts, shingles, foundation work, siding, soft landscaping, painting, and general hardware.



BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER

	2016	2003-2015
homes made safer and more attractive	15	464
funding through NA! & MB Housing	\$25,500.00	\$440,500.00
homeowner equity	\$7,297.08	\$461,529.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$32,797.08	\$902,029.00

PARTNERSHIPS

The BNRC does a great job of helping NA! to understand and respond to local priorities through their partnerships in the community.

- Jim Stewart
Executive Director,
Neighbourhoods Alive!

We've partnered with the BNRC on five building projects, as well as energy upgrades and youth employment projects. They have been absolutely vital in bringing the right people together to move from a "good idea" to a reality.

- Dwayne Dyck
Executive Director, Westman
Youth for Christ

One of the best cures for racism is for people to tour a BEEP worksite at 7:30 on a cold winter morning and watch the hard-working BEEP crew working outside building one of CMHA's STEPP homes.

- Glen Kruk
Executive Director, CMHA

Working with the BNRC has helped myself, my colleagues, and my students to develop meaningful community partnerships, as well as plan and conduct research that can make Brandon a better place.

- Dr. Rachel Herron
Assistant Professor, Geography
Brandon University

THAT WORK

The Brandon Friendship Centre has enjoyed a positive working relationship with the BNRC for many years. Their support allows us to continue to offer valuable programming to the community.

- Gail Cullen
Executive Director,
Brandon Friendship Centre

Samaritan House Ministries Inc. appreciates the continued support of the BNRC and funding of programming such as Clearing the Path Hoarding Services and the Samaritan House Safe and Warm Shelter funding for support workers and security. With the HPS funding, Samaritan House is able to strongly reduce the risk of homelessness in our community by providing strength to programming. Thank you BNRC, for your valuable support.

- Thea Dennis
Executive Director, Samaritan
House Ministries Inc.

We are thrilled to be taking the lead on the Housing First program that is funded through BNRC. We couldn't do it without the other service providers who make up the team and the landlords who are participating in the program. This partnership is working to reduce and hopefully eliminate homelessness in the City of Brandon. The stats are already showing that this partnership works!

- Leah LaPlante
Vice-President, MMF Southwest Region

Homelessness Partnering Strategy

What is HPS?

- The Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) is a unique community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness. It provides direct federal funding to communities across Canada to support their efforts in addressing local needs and specific homelessness priorities. HPS funding has been successfully used to leverage money from foundations and other levels of government.
- Between 2014 and 2019, the BNRC has been contracted with delivering three streams of HPS funding: Aboriginal Undesignated (not specific to any community); Rural and Remote (Manitoba, excluding Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson); and Brandon Designated
- In April 2016 through March 2018, the HPS budget was increased through the federal government's Social Infrastructure Funding (SIF). The Aboriginal, Rural, and Brandon streams were increased by \$505,613, \$913,216 and \$440,000 respectively.

2014-2019 HPS Funding by stream	Aboriginal	Brandon	Rural
	\$1,730,613	\$2,645,000	\$3,241,096

Current projects outside of Brandon

CMHA Swan Valley - Emergency Community Housing Opportunities 3 (Dauphin)

HPS Rural and Remote funding was invested into the ECHO 3 facility to create ten transitional and two emergency units. This new build helps individuals experiencing homelessness stabilize their living conditions and develop housing management skills that are required to move into long-term housing. The Grand Opening for this project took place in September 2016.



Homelessness Partnering Strategy

Nova House Women's Shelter (Selkirk)



The Aboriginal stream of HPS is funding four transitional units (for between four to 12 individuals at one time), which will be part of a larger women's shelter project funded by the province and several private donors. The non-HPS portion will create emergency housing for up to 24 women and children. The project is scheduled to be complete by March 2017.

Flin Flon Friendship Centre - Support Worker

Flin Flon FC has been supported through the Aboriginal stream to hire a support worker to: provide direct case management to clients, form a community homelessness strategy, and set up a Community Housing Steering Committee.



CMHA Thompson - Housing First



CMHA Thompson's Housing First staffing project has been extended through to March 2019. This ongoing HPS Aboriginal stream project has been successful in helping clients maintain housing and connect to appropriate supports.

Northwest MMF - Housing First and Support Services (Dauphin)

Northwest MMF is undertaking an HPS Aboriginal stream project which succeeds last year's Housing First Readiness project. This project involves hiring a worker to provide housing placement and comprehensive non-clinical case management. Current project includes funding to support damage deposits, furnishings, dishes, first/last month's rent.



Nova House - Support Services (Selkirk)



Nova House Women's Shelter has been funded through the Rural and Remote stream to hire two full-time Outreach Workers to support victims of domestic violence who are at imminent risk of homelessness in Selkirk and the North-Eastman region. Initial clients will be those who exited the residential shelter within the past six months and who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Homelessness Partnering Strategy

Current Brandon projects

Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) - Renovations

YWCA completed renovations and purchasing new furnishings to upgrade their transitional units. Personal safety and security is a key element in their long-time service to the Brandon community.



CMHA Westman - "Homes for the Homeless"



CMHA Westman constructed five new transitional housing units that created seven beds to help homeless people towards finding permanent housing.

Samaritan House Ministries - Support Workers

Samaritan House is providing Shelter Support Workers to support shelter users and connect people experiencing homelessness to community services and permanent housing. The "Safe & Warm Emergency Shelter" is open between November 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017 and provides ten emergency cots, meals and relevant programming.



Manitoba Metis Federation - Brandon Housing First "Doorways to Dignity"



MMF continues into year two of the "Brandon Housing First" Program, which includes: the Housing First Landlord program, the Housing First Website and the community network, to house ten chronically and episodically homeless persons annually. MMF also supports clients to maintain their tenancy until they are ready to live independently.



brandonhomelessness.ca

brandonhousingfirst.ca

Poverty Report

Last year, the BNRC partnered with BU to develop a framework for a Poverty Report for Brandon. The project outlined what would be important to consider if we were going to pull together Brandon-specific stats on poverty. It went out to highlight the specific information that would be useful to local service providers to help adjust their programs to meet needs, as well as to local and provincial policy makers to find meaningful solutions that work for the Brandon community.

This year, the BNRC partnered with the Manitoba Research Council to develop the actual report using the framework as our guide. To do this, we hired a Community Research Coordinator who has worked to complete a report that provides a glimpse of what poverty looks like in Brandon. The report will be circulated electronically to community stakeholders and interested residents, and will be made available in print as requested.

This Poverty Report is the beginning of what the BNRC hopes will be a growing research program which delivers Brandon-specific data on a variety of social issues where gaps in information exist.

Homelessness Individual and Family Information System

Our Community Research Coordinator is also responsible for the delivery of Homelessness Individual and Family Information System (HIFIS) database. The HIFIS database is being provided to communities through the Federal Government and when completely functional, will allow data to be collected from service providers working with homeless clients from across the community in one place. This data will be a major resource for understanding the homeless population in Brandon and providing programs that will better meet their needs in helping them find stable, permanent housing.

Neighbourhood Power Smart Project

From 2013 to 2016 the BNRC teamed up with Manitoba Hydro to promote the Neighbourhood Power Smart Project. The project was designed to assist lower-income households to access Manitoba Hydro's Affordable Energy Program (AEP) and the Pay As You Save (PAYS) loan program. Under these programs, homeowners and landlords were able to make energy-saving upgrades at low or no-cost.

The BNRC promoted AEP and PAYS through a number of outreach activities, including: canvassing, street events, pamphlets, presentations, newspaper articles, and radio & cable interviews. While the program was successful, the contract wrapped up this year, having made a significant impact on the community and the environment. AEP and PAYS are still available through MB Hydro and BNRC's BEEP continues to partner as an approved contractor.



**HIGH-EFFICIENCY FURNACE
INSTALLATION**

Brandon Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP)



MB HOUSING DEEP RETROFITS PHASE TWO

The Brandon Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP) provides carpentry and construction training to individuals experiencing barriers to employment. BEEP staff work with participants to eliminate these barriers, including: helping them to get their driver's licenses; offering GED preparation courses and supporting them through the exam; assisting them in getting their identification documents; and providing access to life-skills counselors and community programming. Participants learn employable construction skills from our highly-skilled and experienced program supervisors while working on affordable housing projects for Manitoba Housing, Manitoba Hydro, and local non-profits.



MB HOUSING DEEP RETROFITS PHASE TWO

Impact on People in Our Community

The impact that BEEP has on people in the Brandon community is dramatic. BEEP provides an opportunity for program participants to make a positive change in their lives. Participants become role models in their families and networks. They also develop relationships with other individuals who have similar goals to better themselves, their futures, and their families.



**STEEP HOMES #5 AND #6
FOUNDATION PREP**

Since inception in June 2007

- 150 trainees have benefited from training
- 51 participants have gained full-time private sector employment
- 11 participants have pursued further education
- 5 participants have earned a GED
- currently 22 participants (12 trainees, 6 Tier IIs, 4 apprentices)
- annual payroll supports 26 positions
- projects inject over \$1 million annually into the community through purchasing material and supplies

BEEP Partnerships

Manitoba Housing

The Manitoba Housing Authority has been a valued partner of the BEEP program for thirteen years. Beginning with energy efficiency retrograde projects within their housing inventory, BEEP has expanded into completing deep building retrofits including: concrete work, installation of energy-efficient siding, windows and doors, and roof and wall remediation. Over the last year, the team has completed deep exterior energy-efficiency retrofits on 15 duplex buildings and a multitude of smaller projects.. BEEP will continue to work with MB Housing well into 2017 with the Westaway Landscaping Project and the continuation of the Garwood Phase Two deep exterior retrofit project.

CMHA

The BEEP team has developed an effective and productive partnership with CMHA. Over the last several years, the CMHA/BEEP partnership has constructed four STEPP Houses (Solutions to End Poverty Permanently). In July of this year, the BEEP program constructed and handed over a five-unit affordable housing complex. The project took one year to complete. Going forward, the team is scheduled to construct STEPP house #5 and #6, a duplex scheduled for completion in the spring of 2017, and will begin project planning for another multiplex low-income affordable housing complex tentatively scheduled for completion in 2018.

Manitoba Hydro

BEEP is a recognized partner and contractor for the Manitoba Housing Energy Program (AEP) and Pay As You Save (PAYS) program which completes energy retrofits and upgrades for qualifying clients. To date, this partnership has completed over 70 energy upgrades, including: basement, attic, and wall cavity insulation.



**CMHA HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS
FOUNDATION WORK**



**CMHA HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS
FOUNDATION WORK**



CMHA HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS

Bug n' Scrub Program

The success of any bed bug treatment program increases with the proper preparation of a home or apartment. For five years, the Bug n' Scrub program has provided preparation services to the Brandon community with a particular focus on low-income and vulnerable populations.

Preparation for treatment might include: moving furniture, removing clutter, treating clothing and linens, and steam cleaning. The Bug n' Scrub team also returns to homes post-treatment to put things back in order. Vulnerable populations and individuals who require assistance due to limitations might be eligible to access funding.

This year, Bug n' Scrub has added a Heat Treatment Trailer to our tools in the fight against bed bugs. The treatment trailer will allow us to treat larger items, such as furniture and mattresses, and will be more effective in treating clothing and linens. With the purchase of the trailer, we are able to expand our services and move into other areas of specialized cleaning. This growth will allow us to hire a larger number of individuals who have barriers to employment and provide valuable labour-based services to the community. We look forward to unveiling the new expanded social enterprise to the community over the coming year.



NEW HEAT TREATMENT TRAILER



NEW HEATER FOR TRAILER

Bug N Scrub usage

2012 - 14 cases
2013 - 19 cases
2014 - 43 cases
2015 - 53 cases
2016 - 73 cases

Housing Awards

Brandon First project - MMF and Kris Desjarlais

The Brandon Housing First Project is gaining a reputation as a major success in both Manitoba and across Canada. Led by the Manitoba Metis Federation, under the coordination of Kris Desjarlais, this project has seen 22 clients housed and supported in that housing since the project started in May 2015. Using a robust community coalition and a “no wrong door approach,” Kris and the MMF have managed to bring all service delivery agencies together to ensure clients have all the supports they need to remain housed. The Housing First model has been supported across Canada as one of the most effective ways to get people out of homelessness and into safe and stable permanent housing. This success is especially true when the community coordinates their efforts and all service delivery agencies “buy in” to delivering the supports, as has happened in Brandon.



While much of Brandon’s success in Housing First can be attributed to a wide community effort, there is no doubt that it is Kris’ leadership and dedication that has fueled this project. Kris and his team of case managers personally visit clients’ spaces regularly to solve problems, repair damages, and defuse conflicts. Kris continues to fight for the real needs of each of the Housing First clients and has shown a dedication to fellow community members that goes well above and beyond his job description.



GRAND OPENING OF THE 5-PLEX

Homes for the Homeless - CMHA and Glen Kruk

Once again CMHA, under the leadership of Glen Kruk, has made a significant impact on getting individuals out of homelessness and into secure housing. The Homes for the Homeless project brought together both provincial and federal funding to build a 5-plex in the downtown core. The units, which were built through Glen’s ongoing support of the BEEP program, now houses up to 12 people in affordable transitional housing. CMHA support their clients and tenants to use their time in transitional housing to rebuild their lives, access support services in the community, and plan for the future. This new 5-plex has become an important addition to the housing stock in Brandon and will continue to lift individuals out of poverty.

Community Awards

A Place to Call Home - Community Art Project

As part of the consultation process for A Place to Call Home youth homelessness project, the steering committee sought out the assistance of Chris Cooper, a local artist and art educator with the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, to engage the community in an art project. Chris led participants, through art, to answer the question "What does home mean to you?" She held private art sessions with eight targeted groups, including: inmates at the Brandon Correctional Institute, seniors, school-age students, BEEP, new immigrants, and others, to create physical and online submissions. Two facilitated art sessions were held for the public; one coincided with the Grand Opening celebration of the BNRC offices at 440 Rosser, and the other was held at Culture Days in September. More than 500 submissions were received. The project culminated in an exhibition held in the community gallery of the AGSM and the images were used in the BNRC's report on youth homelessness.

This art project resulted in a rich and enlightening visual of how people feel and experience a sense of home. It highlighted not only the profound diversity of our community, but also the unequal access to safe and healthy living environments. The project allows our community to reflect on the work that needs doing to ensure everyone has a strong and positive connection with "home."

Marcia Hamm Wiebe

Marcia Hamm Wiebe has been a dedicated volunteer and advocate for Brandon's most vulnerable for over 30 years. She has sat on numerous boards, planning and steering committees, and project organizing groups. Her contributions to the community have made Brandon a better place to live.

Marcia has been a volunteer or employee with Samaritan House Ministries since 1988 and as she has moved from role to role, she continues to bring an outstanding passion for helping her neighbours. Her involvement in the Community Garden Network, A Place to Call Home Steering Committee, and most recently as Hoarding Coordinator at Samaritan House Ministries, are only a few examples of the roles she has taken on that have directly strengthened the work of the BNRC. Marcia's natural call to give back to the community has had a profound and lasting impact.



history

Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (BNRC) was founded in 2000. BNRC was established to serve the community within the geographic area north of Park Avenue, south of the Assiniboine River, east of 24th Street and west of Franklin Street, known as the BNRC zone. Over the last 16 years, the BNRC has grown to serve the whole community in Brandon.

mission statement

BNRC improves the quality of life in the core area of Brandon. As a non-profit organization, it strives through advocacy, capacity building, provision of knowledge and sustainable funding from various sources to challenge and empower all citizens of the neighbourhood.

vision

BNRC envisions a vibrant, healthy, sustainable core community of empowered stakeholders, successful community projects and partnering organizations.

board of directors (2016-17)

Gail Cullen	Brandon Friendship Centre Appointee
Derrek Eberts	Urban Geographer
Keith Edmunds	Residential Appointee
Murray Hurl	Residential Appointee
Tanya LaBuick	Business Appointee
Chad McNish	Business Appointee
Nancy McPherson	Prairie Mountain Health Volunteer
Lonnie Patterson	City Council Appointee
Wanda Leigh Rains	Residential Appointee
John Scott	Residential Appointee
Stacy Senkbeil	Legal
Carmel Taylor	Housing Appointee

Carly Gasparini	General Manager
Sherry Poitras	Financial Administrator
Hope Switzer	Community Development Coordinator
Leanne Petrin	Housing Coordinator
Stephan Warrener	Community Research Coordinator
Angela Hamm	Community Relations Officer

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beep

Kristin Nickel	Operations Manager
Cory Gross	Acting Operations Manager
Brian Mackie	Supervisor
Shawn Mackie	Supervisor
Bill Potter	Supervisor

bug n scrub Supervisor

Florence Halcrow

community entity (homelessness)

Susan Spring
Blaine Foley

Brandon
Aboriginal, Rural and Remote

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16 community projects



COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENGAGED

~8600

~\$3,500,000

in investments leveraged

22

BEEP trainees

A YEAR IN NUMBERS

238

social media posts



Bug 'n Scrub cases

73



1 NEW HEAT TREATMENT TRAILER



community wages created

~\$1,240,000

20

HOMES RENOVATED



13 full-time staff

