



Archdiocese
of Vancouver

2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Catholic Charities



Over the years, homelessness has changed. The crisis is growing and continues to be exacerbated by many things, such as rising costs of living, easier access to stronger and more addictive drugs, less community engagement and a thoroughly secular society. The problem is both material and immaterial, and Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Vancouver continues to position itself to care for some of the most vulnerable in our communities.

Through our Men's Emergency Shelter, we meet the immediate needs of homeless men, providing them with clothing, food, hot showers, toiletries and shelter.

Through our Recuperative Care Program, we meet more specific and acute medical needs from men who have recently been discharged from the hospital but are not fully recuperated. In both programs, we provide rest, care and help men transition into permanent housing.

A beacon of hope and light in the Downtown Eastside, The Door is Open continues to provide meals and warmth to members of the community. Every day, volunteers gather to prepare and serve food in Oppenheimer Park, one of the most notorious neighbourhoods in Vancouver. Through their service, they bring light and compassion to all they meet.

As we look forward, we are hopeful and believe that God will do even greater things in Vancouver. He has already done so much through the prayers, support, and contributions of all who have been participating with us. But moving into the future, we plan to build our programs to lead those we serve towards recovery, focusing on three main pillars: faith, community, and work. Come along with us as we establish new avenues that lead to recovery.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Justin Milad

GENERAL MANAGER
CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S SHELTER





OVERVIEW AND STATS

Men's Shelter

The Catholic Charities Men's Shelter runs two programs: the Emergency Shelter and Recuperative Care.

The Men's Emergency Shelter provides meals, beds, and shower facilities for up to 90 days for 85 guests. Guests are also provided with free care kits that contain hygiene products and clothing. Case management services are available for guests to receive additional resources to help them transition into more permanent housing.

THIS PAST YEAR

340+ MEN SERVED

108 MEN RECEIVED CLOTHING

350+ FREE HAIRCUTS GIVEN

31 MEN RECEIVED IDENTIFICATION

24 MEN ADMITTED INTO DETOX

30 MEN FOUND EMPLOYMENT

33 MEN FOUND PERMANENT HOUSING

Recuperative Care Program

At Catholic Charities' Recuperative Care Program, we walk with those on the margins as they heal, rebuild, and rediscover dignity. Nestled within the Men's Shelter, our Recuperative Care Program provides post-hospital stabilization for guests who have nowhere else to go. This is a place where compassionate care meets faith in action.

We support men recovering from illness, injury, and surgery, helping them stabilize medically while reconnecting them to community supports, sobriety, and spiritual life.

Our team works closely with hospitals, clinics, and outreach partners to ensure that no one is discharged to the streets when healing should be their only focus.

Through our team's care, we can build genuine relationships with our guests, regardless of their background or story. In their suffering, we see the face of Christ. By extending our hands to help, we offer more than medical support: we give them hope to begin again. Every act of kindness and moment of listening becomes a bridge toward renewal and dignity.





BUILDING TOWARDS RECOVERY

Faith, Community & Work

The future of the Shelter is hopeful, with many new programs on the horizon. We believe that providing opportunities for men to find faith in Jesus is the first step towards recovery, and so our hope is to start programs that will integrate faith and community.

Once established, our next goal will be to find opportunities to provide men with meaningful work. Some potential ideas include operating a food truck, starting a barbershop, or potentially both.

"I have been 8 months sober since my first stay here at the Men's Shelter.

When I left the Shelter and had nowhere to go, the Shelter welcomed me back in, and my life has changed. I'm so grateful for the stability and space that has been provided for me here."

OSCAR

"The staff here is more like family to me. They helped me get clean, and now that I'm clean, I want to get back to work. Seeing everybody is nice because it puts me in a good mood and makes me think that everything's going to get better."

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OVERVIEW AND STATS

The Door is Open

For more than 50 years, The Door is Open has provided meals and shelter for thousands of those in need, transforming lives and building community in the Downtown Eastside. This year, The Door is Open began connecting guests to a broader range of community support resources, including health care, housing, and overall well-being.

THIS PAST YEAR

300+ GUESTS SERVED DAILY

142,800 MEALS SERVED

The Door is Open

Every Thursday, Deacon Kenan takes a food cart around Oppenheimer Park to hand out food, water and juice.

DEACON KENAN: “Serving at The Door is Open is a special gift for me. My brothers and sisters who I serve pour forth the love from Jesus Christ, and I am left feeling guilty and undeserving of all these blessings.

One volunteer who came down from the coast to volunteer called me later that evening and said, ‘I know that we worked hard, but I feel guilty that I feel so darn good.’ I told him that what he was feeling was an abundance of grace. My wish is that every Catholic would receive this grace by serving the poor around them so that they may become rich themselves.”

RANDAL: Following a heart condition, post-concussion syndrome, and sensory overload from a traumatic brain injury, Randal has been navigating homelessness for nearly nine months, living in a van across the street. Yet he chooses not to dwell on these difficulties. Instead, he wants to bring light. In his words, he wants to “transform the world’s discord into harmonious verse.”

He writes poetry on different subjects: the people who serve at The Door is Open, volunteers from a Zumba group, Deacon Kenan, and his daily oatmeal – his favourite meal in the world.

Randal is grateful to The Door is Open in giving him the opportunity to share his light. He says, “I want to be a testament that light can emerge from the darkest places.”



■ The Door is Open

Year-ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Donations	543,950	593,749
Grant Revenue	7,000	4,000
TOTAL REVENUE	550,950	597,749

Program cost	315,009	347,106
Administration	24,510	5,507
Facilities	141,222	48,884
TOTAL EXPENSES	480,741	401,497

Net Income (Loss)	70,209	196,252
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■ Men's Shelter

Year-ended March 31, 2025

	2025	2024
Donations	711,101	312,497
Grant Revenue	2,267,150	2,364,771
TOTAL REVENUE	2,978,251	2,677,268

Program cost	3,041,770	2,787,617
Administration	75,238	70,751
Facilities	174,661	178,317
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,291,669	3,036,685

Net Income (Loss)	(313,418)	(359,417)
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made it possible to serve our vulnerable
brothers and sisters in Vancouver.
Thank you!*



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