

The House Project

An Affordable Housing Advocacy Initiative

BUILD NOW!

Stop papering over the problem.



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The House Project is an affordable housing advocacy initiative created to raise awareness about Canada's affordable housing crisis and pressure governments to build now! The House was created for rallies, demos and events calling for action on affordable housing. It is a collapsible structure that can be easily transported. The House is 'shingled' with decades of reports and studies documenting the particulars of Canada's affordable housing crisis and the action needed to fix the problem.

The evidence is in. Studies by the hundreds have demonstrated the depth and costs of the crisis – to individuals, families and communities, to our physical and mental health, and to the fiscal health of the nation. Today more than 4 million Canadians are in core housing need.

But reports don't build affordable housing. That takes political will.

Countless studies have documented the need for long-term sustainable affordable housing strategies and real dollars to make them work. But for decades, our governments have ignored the facts. The House Project reminds politicians that we know what's needed – and we need it now.

Tell the Ontario government. The provincial government has identified affordable housing as an important component of its poverty reduction strategy. The government is holding community consultations across the province through September 2009. You can bring the House to your pre-consultation events to generate interest in driving home the "build now" message.

Get Involved: You can assist the project by:

- contributing local housing and homelessness reports for the House panels
- bringing the House to your community for a local event
- building your own House

To send reports, inquire about the House for local events, or learn how to build your own House, contact Beth Wilson at beth@socialplanningtoronto.org or (416) 351-0095 x257 until July 15; after July 15, Barbara Czarnecki at aach@rogers.com or (416) 360-7848.

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