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For over 16 years, <u>Covenant House Vancouver</u> has been honoured to have the strong support of LandlordBC and its members.

Covenant House Vancouver's purpose is to serve all youth, with absolute respect and unconditional love, to help youth experiencing homelessness, and to protect and safeguard all youth in need.

CHV helps young people aged 16 to 24 who have fled physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; those who have been forced from their homes or have been trafficked; and those who have aged out of foster care.

Covenant House Vancouver's core programs include: Outreach, Drop-In Centre, Crisis Program and a long-term transitional living program called Rights of Passage. CHV's <u>Continuum of Care</u> includes support services that cover mental health, drug & alcohol supports and case management with Social Workers.

Thank you, LandlordBC, for your impactful support for young people who are overcoming homelessness.

Backgrounder for Covenant House Vancouver

For over 20 years, Covenant House Vancouver (CHV) has provided unconditional love and absolute respect to youth experiencing homelessness. Covenant House Vancouver is the premiere service provider of residential and outreach services for young people in the city of Vancouver.

Part of an international federation with over 30-chapters throughout the Americas' serving youth ages 16 to 24, they are a mission driven, values-based agency dedicated to service, organizational and stewardship excellence.

Covenant House Vancouver offers a continuum of services using evidence-informed theories and practices that ensure they care for the entire person – mind, body, and spirit. Services range from outreach and drop-in, to residential and support services that enable youth to transition into independence successfully.

CHV uses a "one size, fits one" approach, tailored to the specific needs of each individual youth. This ensures that precise supports are made available to youth based on their respective journey meeting each youth's unique needs.

Core Programs

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Covenant House Vancouver Bullet Points

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- Since 1997, Covenant House Vancouver has been dedicated to providing both unconditional love and absolute respect to youth who are experiencing homelessness.
- Covenant House Vancouver (CHV) is the premiere service provider of residential and outreach services for youth who are experiencing homelessness in Vancouver.
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COVID-19 and Covenant House Vancouver

- Covenant House Vancouver's role and responsibility during this time, like anytime, is the health and well-being of young people experiencing homelessness.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has presented them with new and evolving challenges, and they continue to provide essential services to youth experiencing homelessness.
- Their doors are open, and they continue to provide food, shelter, and medical care to those most in need.
- Frontline staff and youth joined hands and worked together to develop enhanced safety protocols and continue to adjust as new information is presented.
- Frontline staff have found innovated ways to support youth from virtual counselling to finding fun physically distanced activities.
- The pandemic has impacted every youth in profound ways but exactly how depends very much on their own individual circumstances. Job losses, increased anxiety and the opioid crisis are just a few of the challenge's youth are facing.
- PPE, cleaning supplies and monetary donations are always welcome.

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