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CHALLENGES IN PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS AMONGST WOMEN, GIRLS, AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE IN CANADA

Thank you to the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness for their illuminating report on the state of women's housing needs and homelessness in Canada. We referenced some of its key findings in the creation of our post.

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HIDDEN HOMELESSNESS

Women's homelessness is often hidden behind closed doors. It includes couch surfing with friends, trading sex for housing, or living in a tiny, overcrowded apartment.

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LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

63%

of households living in subsidized housing are led by women.

- Includes:
- Single mothers
 - Young women
 - Seniors

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LACK OF HOUSING SERVICES APPROPRIATE FOR WOMEN

The lack of women-focused housing options can force women to turn to emergency shelter and Violence Against Women shelters, which are often underfunded and overwhelmed.

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HOMELESSNESS IS UNIQUELY DANGEROUS FOR WOMEN AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE

Some women and gender diverse peoples feel safer remaining in violent or exploitative relationships due to the lack of options that meets their needs.

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MOTHERS' EXPERIENCES OF HOUSING INSTABILITY CREATE CONDITIONS FOR INTERGENERATIONAL HOMELESSNESS

By failing to address the needs of mothers experiencing violence and housing instability, we create the conditions for their children to become the homeless adults of tomorrow.

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INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE EXPERIENCE THE MOST EGREGIOUS HOUSING CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT CANADA

Colonization and cultural genocide are the foundation of disproportionate housing need for Indigenous women and girls as well as the violence they face. This discriminatory practice continues to underpin the lack of funding in addressing these inequities.

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