

## News Release

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### For Immediate Release

#### **National Housing Day raises awareness about housing and homelessness RESOLVE Campaign is Calgary's solution to affordable housing crisis**

**CALGARY, ALBERTA** – Affordable housing will be addressed in Calgary at the 11th annual [National Housing Day](#) luncheon at the Ramada Plaza, Calgary Airport Hotel and Conference Centre. This event is hosted by a committee of individuals working in the homeless serving sector and will take place between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on November 24. Guest speaker Shayne Ramsay, CEO of BC Housing will be in attendance as well as Mayor Naheed Nenshi who will speak shortly about the need for affordable housing in the City of Calgary.

"National Housing Day draws attention to the critical need for more affordable housing in our city," said Kim O'Brien, Executive Director of Horizon Housing Society and Chair, Steering Committee RESOLVE Campaign. "The nine agencies who make up the RESOLVE Campaign have an opportunity to transform Calgary for the better, by providing housing to the most vulnerable citizens in our community," O'Brien added.

The [RESOLVE Campaign](#) is a unique collaboration of nine partner agencies raising \$120 million to build affordable and supported rental housing for 3,000 homeless and vulnerable Calgarians.

"In a city with over 3,500 homeless and more than 14,000 people at extreme risk of homelessness, it is necessary to participate in events like the National Housing Day luncheon to bring awareness to the need and the solutions," said Amy Hurst, Senior Manager of Communications, RESOLVE Campaign. "The RESOLVE Campaign's nine partner agencies subscribe to a housing first philosophy, which will help to not only provide safe, affordable housing to our city's most vulnerable, but also reduce the strain on social service agencies in our community."

November 22<sup>nd</sup> is recognized as [Canada's National Housing Strategy Day](#). To draw awareness to homelessness and housing, local events, including Calgary's National Housing Day luncheon, are hosted from November 22 to November 29 every year to highlight the issues and housing needs of each community.

#### **About RESOLVE**

RESOLVE is a tangible and measurable step in helping end homelessness – and the affordable housing crisis – in Calgary. RESOLVE's mission is to raise \$120 million to build affordable, sustainable housing for 3,000 homeless and vulnerable Calgarians. Nine respected and established Calgary social agencies have partnered with government, business and community leaders, all resolving to make Calgary a better home – for everyone. Visit [resolvecampaign.com](http://resolvecampaign.com) for more information. The nine RESOLVE Campaign partner agencies are: [Accessible Housing](#); [Bishop O'Byrne Housing](#); [Calgary Alpha House Society](#); [Calgary Homeless Foundation](#); [Calgary John Howard Society](#); [Horizon Housing Society](#); [Silvera for Seniors](#); [The Mustard Seed](#) and [Trinity Place Foundation of Alberta](#).

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