



# LONDON FOR ALL

A ROADMAP TO END POVERTY



## Homelessness Prevention & Housing

**4.15 Connect with healthcare to work with older adults with complex needs to develop attainable housing strategies responsive to their needs, creating spaces for those who are residing in hospital or do not qualify for long term care**

### **Housing Stability For All**

#### **The Housing Stability Action Plan for the City of London (2019–2024)**

The Housing Stability Action Plan (Plan) defines the current environment and future needs of London and area. The Plan sets the new direction for the collective work of the community to address housing stability.

Strategic Area of Focus 3: Provide Housing Supports

Strategic Initiative 3.2: Implement coordinated access to mental health and addictions services and supports

Action 3.2b: Strengthen partnerships with the health sector to provide opportunities for continuity of care in the community

### **Age Friendly London Action Plan (2017-2020)**

The Age Friendly London Action Plan represents the combined vision of older adult community members, service providers, organizations, working group Chairs, and City champions. The purpose of this plan is to guide the work to improve age friendliness in London. The Plan is comprised of eight focus areas, one of which is housing with a focus on “aging in place”.

### **Cheshire Independent Living Services**

Cheshire is a non-profit, government funded organization that works to enable adults with significant physical disabilities and frail seniors to live actively, independently and with dignity in their own community. The majority of their services are provided through two programs which are funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care: Community Assisted Living and Attendant Outreach Services.

## **Indwell**

Indwell is a Christian charity that creates affordable housing communities that support people seeking health, wellness and belonging. Indwell is Ontario's largest developer of new affordable housing with supports. In 2019, Indwell brought its transformational supportive housing model to London.

In February 2019, Indwell finalized the purchase of Woodfield Gate, a new affordable housing building at 356 Dundas Street in downtown London. The new tenants include people who face challenges accessing quality housing, often due to mental health and other disabilities. The building opened in July 2019 and is now home to 69 individuals. London Community Foundation helped to fund the building's construction and provided a low interest loan to Indwell to purchase it from the developer.

Indwell is partnering with the Mental Health Care Program at St. Joseph's Health Care London and the Canadian Mental Health Association-Middlesex to identify and welcome new tenants who are seeking supportive housing to continue their journey toward wellness.

Indwell is working with neighbourhood groups, civic partners, and a growing community of donors to develop much-needed solutions for our community's housing crisis. Indwell is establishing a regional office in London and plan to create more affordable housing communities in London and southwestern Ontario.

Indwell is also working on the development of the site of the former Embassy Hotel at Dundas and English into a three-storey, mixed used project. Indwell is currently in the planning stage of the project.