



Simcoe County  
Alliance To End  
Homelessness

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**"Working Together to End Homelessness"**

### **2005 Membership Form**

I would like to be a member of the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness.  
I agree to the purpose, motto, core functions, guiding principles and goals of the Alliance, as stated below.

***Purpose/Mission:***

The Alliance serves as a forum to understand, plan and co-ordinate activities that raise awareness of the complex issues surrounding homelessness and to create solutions.

***Motto:*** "Working together to end homelessness"

***Core Functions:***

- \* To advocate on behalf of people who are homeless and those that serve people who are homeless in regards to needs and services.
- \* To facilitate and network in support of the development of partnerships.
- \* To work collaboratively to develop preventative strategies.
- \* To identify service gaps and work with all levels of Government on priorities for investment of resources.
- \* To help develop an annual implementation plan of Alliance recommendations for action.
- \* To identify and respond to other issues related to the planning and co-ordination of services to better meet the needs of our marginalized community.
- \* To identify opportunities and strategies that meet identified priorities.
- \* To research latest updates and developments within other jurisdictions and Government.
- \* To work collaboratively in building capacity and responding effectively to homelessness.
- \* That standing committees (Allocations Committee, Entity SCPI Administrative Committee) report as required to the Alliance on their activities.
- \* To meet 2 times annually (June and November) to network, share information, review work plans and decide on broad strategic directions.

***Guiding Principles:***

Collaborative: The Alliance will be governed by a democratic decision making process which is transparent, representative and accountable to the members of the Alliance and ultimately to the people who are homeless. Members of the Alliance will be committed to working together to end homelessness and to share resources necessary to meet this end. A community response must be accessible, co-ordinated and multifaceted to reflect the complexity of homelessness.

**Assertive/Proactive:** The Alliance will identify gaps in service and create opportunities to fill those gaps either through recommendations to government, or facilitating new projects. Recommendations for improved service will be presented to stakeholders, funders and service providers.

**Creative:** The Alliance will be committed to developing a deeper understanding of homelessness through a variety of effective means (e.g. data collection, research, etc.). Based on this understanding, the Alliance will be open to thinking of problems/solutions in new ways.

**Inclusiveness:** The Alliance will remain a community activity, which will include the voice of people who are homeless, service providers, housing providers, faith groups, citizens at large and all levels of government from across the County.

**Goals for 2005:**

1. To increase public awareness of the impact of homelessness on the community and determination to end it.
2. To increase understanding of the changing nature and causes of homelessness.
3. To create intervention and prevention strategies to end homelessness.
4. To advocate for the implementation of new strategies that help prevent and end homelessness.
5. To advocate for the creation of safe, affordable housing.
6. To help coordinate a network of supports for those in housing crisis, as well as a support network for those working with people who are homeless.

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I would like to be an:

individual member     organizational/agency member.  
Organization/agency I represent:

- I am interested in receiving agenda/minutes and attending local chapter meetings.  
 I am interested in being on the e-mail list to receive relevant information pertaining to homelessness activities/initiatives.

(Please complete the relevant information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(please remit to address above)*