

IT'S MORE THAN A BUILDING



**It's dignity.
Cultural support.
Mental health services.
Connections. Families.**

It's people.

**Build people up with
Boyle Street
Community Services.**

HOMELESSNESS IN THE CORE



While current housing strategies do well to support the newly homeless and those who experience fewer barriers, a significant gap has emerged for those with incredibly complex needs. For them, the severity of barriers has only increased over the last five years.

Those who experience prolonged or entrenched homelessness – many with significant, untreated mental and physical illness, serious substance use and social and spiritual challenges – have no appropriate facility to support them. The complexity of needs becomes overwhelming and difficult to escape. That any do – and many do – is a testament to their resiliency and courage.

These are the individuals that Boyle Street Community Services aims to support.

They know our services and trust our organization. Many are denied entry elsewhere, and BSCS is their last place of refuge. Our current facility has experienced five major floods since 2016. It is currently crumbling and without significant upgrades will soon be unusable, potentially leaving those we serve with nowhere to go.


Our new facility, located just two blocks away at 107 Avenue and 101 Street, is a gutted 75,000 square foot concrete structure with adjacent bare lands and apartment building. Alongside some of Edmonton's foremost developers and architects, we have created plans for an outstanding transformational building and grounds that will focus on housing, support and facilitation of our operations. This new facility is a part of the solution to the challenges being faced by our city's core. It will be a purpose built space that will enable better outcomes for those we serve and the neighbourhood. It allows us the opportunity to be responsive and innovative in addressing community needs as they arise.

The numbers increase daily

2,900 – Those currently experiencing homelessness, more than double since the beginning of the pandemic.

2,000 – Youth living independently without a safe, consistent residence.

7,036 – Number of unique individuals we served last year at our downtown community centre.



OUR MISSION:

to end chronic homelessness in our community.

Through Boyle Street Community Services' (BSCS) supports and programs, cycles that lead to poverty and homelessness can be broken. With the right focus and intention, we can restore health and well-being.

BSCS empowers individuals by listening and caring, discovering their source of inspiration and hope and walking alongside them to find solutions to the challenges they face.

Our 450+ staff working across nine locations provide holistic supports to the 12,000+ individuals we serve, including:

- 01 Access to Indigenous culture and ceremony
- 02 Mental health care and programs
- 03 Substance use and recovery services
- 04 Employment training and mentorship
- 05 Financial education and access
- 06 Housing supports
- 07 Youth services hub
- 08 Medical support
- 09 24/7 Outreach
- 10 Justice system support



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A purposefully renovated, state-of-the-art Boyle Street Community Centre



BSCS has made do with its current facility, but it does not meet the needs of the community we serve. They deserve better.

An appropriately designed, renovated Boyle Street Community Centre located in Edmonton's core:

- ◆ **Facilitates** a fundamentally different and better approach to supporting those experiencing chronic homelessness
- ◆ **Creates** a purpose-built environment that is warm, inviting and beautiful – supporting better outcomes
- ◆ **Ensures** the most vulnerable population's basic needs are met while also addressing the root causes of homelessness
- ◆ **Helps** BSCS tip the balance from the reactive, day-to-day task of keeping people safe and alive to proactively supporting long-term healing

◆ **Embodies** the belief that everyone who finds themselves in a state of chronic homelessness can break the cycles holding them and live a life of dignity and purpose

◆ **Supports** spiritual healing with intentionally built spaces for access to Indigenous culture, ceremony and medicine

Breaking the cycle

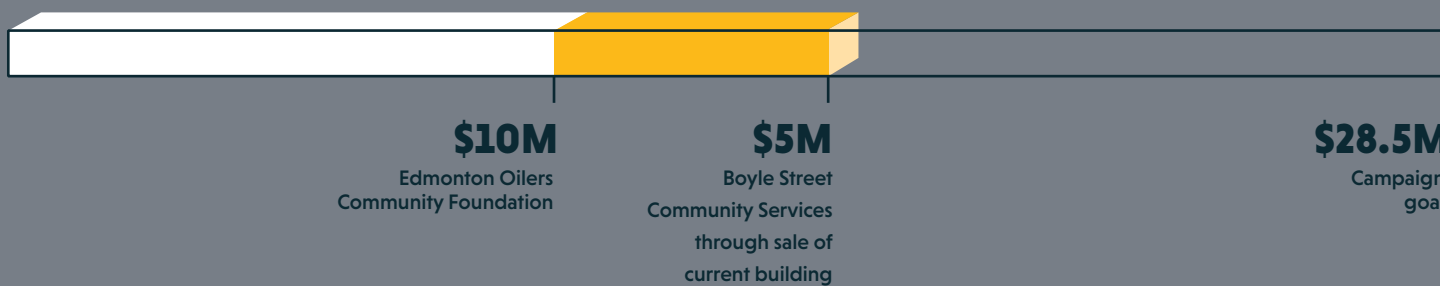
In the face of great challenges:

- ◆ Cycles can be broken.
- ◆ New opportunities created.
- ◆ Spiritual, physical, emotional and mental wellness restored.

Your investment in a renovated Boyle Street Community Centre enables BSCS to continue changing lives.



Capital campaign



The total project cost is \$28.5 million. We are looking for community support to raise the final \$13.5 million.

The foundational \$10 million contribution from the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation (EOCF) is a critical and catalytic investment in the future of Edmonton's Downtown. The EOCF have set the standard for how our local business community can make meaningful and impactful change in our city. In line with their mandate, the EOCF has stepped up in times of community need to deliver programs aimed at supporting those most vulnerable in our community, especially in Edmonton's downtown. Without their partnership and ongoing support in our capital campaign this project would not be possible.



This project is about so much more than a building. It's about connection and dignity. When those we serve feel perpetually like trespassers in their own city, it can be a place of belonging; a place of respite from everyday survival to participate in healing through ceremony, friendship and support; a place of beauty that shows the people we serve that they matter. We know that we can – and must – do better in our city to support those who are suffering due to homelessness. But we can't do that alone. We need the whole community to come together and to join us in creating the kind of city I know we all want to live in."

– Jordan Reiniger,
Executive Director, BSCS



Our Core Ambitions

1. Everyone we work with has a safe place to call home.
2. Everyone we work with feels connected to family and community.
3. Everyone we work with is building holistic resiliency.
4. Everyone we work with feels a sense of purpose and meaning in their life.
5. Everyone we work with needs us less and less over time.

Community Engagement

Building relationships is critical in the work that we do. While we are moving a very short distance away from our current location we want to make sure we are connecting with our neighbours in a way that is

meaningful, positive and ongoing. Our hope is to create partnerships in the area that last well beyond our first day of operation.

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