

The Need to Support Durham Youth is great

"Through a variety of circumstances, there are at-risk and homeless youth in Durham Region that Durham Youth Housing and Support Services is going to help and support in their growth to healthy, happy, independent adults."

No one chooses to be homeless. The reasons why people become homeless are complex and are often caused by circumstances beyond their control. The basic cause is poverty, resulting from a family crisis, a loss of employment or income, and possibly a lack of access to basic medical and in some cases, mental health services.

Becoming homeless can happen to anyone. It could be a youth or woman and her children escaping an abusive relationship forcing them to leave their home. It could be a senior citizen on a fixed income facing a rent or tax increase. It could be a refugee or an immigrant without adequate resources or family support. The spiral from stability to distress, despair and homelessness can happen very quickly.

Contact Us

We want to hear from youth and anyone who wants to be a part of Durham Youth Housing and Support Services!

Whether you would like some help or information or have some to offer, we would like to hear from you. Just send us an email to share your thoughts, offer advice and stay connected to Durham Youth Housing and Support Services.

contact@durhamyouth.com

or check out our website:

durhamyouth.com

For further information, please contact:

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Joanne's House

A safe shelter for youth

Durham Region's ONLY youth shelter

905-239-9477

Operated by:

Durham Youth Housing
and Support Services



Joanne's House

Other Stuff...








OUR VISION

All youth have a place to call home where they feel welcomed, accepted and valued; where youth are equal partners in creating a better community.

OUR MISSION

To address the needs of at-risk and homeless youth in Durham Region by working with youth and other community partners to provide opportunities for youth that will support their success.

OUR VALUES

-  We are accountable to our youth clients, community, and funders
-  We respect youth
-  We embrace and celebrate diversity
-  We promote accessible programs and services
-  We respect and value individual creativity, talents and experience
-  We facilitate and promote community partnerships
-  We are committed to long-term, holistic solutions

Where is it?

82 Kings Crescent in Ajax
(Near Harwood and Bayly)

Who can stay at the shelter?

Youth, both girls and guys, between the ages of 16 -24 who need a safe place to stay.

Do youth need to call first?

It's better to call to make sure we have a bed, but not absolutely necessary.

What is the phone number?

905-239-9477 or

905-239-YHSS

Are there rules?

You bet. But they are fair –like a weekend curfew of midnight and no smoking in the house.

Will each person get their own room?

Probably not. Rooms will be shared, but there will be a safe place to lock up belongings.

How many beds are there?

13 beds - available on a first come-first served basis

Meals?

Yup, 3 every day, plus snacks

Laundry?

Absolutely...and soap!

Transportation?

Bus stop at the front door.

How to get hooked up?

We have developed partnerships with several community agencies to help with stuff like drug use, drinking, getting back to school, finding a job, seeing a doctor etc.
But only if you want to.

Pregnant?

DYHSS can help there too. We have contacts with other providers to help get what is needed for you and baby.

Kids?

We're not set up for little ones, but don't let that stop you. We can point you in the right direction.