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Shepherds of Good Hope commends formation of City of Ottawa, Emergency Shelter Crisis Task Force

Shepherds of Good Hope applauds the City of Ottawa, Mayor Sutcliffe Deputy Mayor Laura Dudas and Councillors Stéphanie Plante, Alan Hubley, Ariel Troster, Marty Carr for creating the Emergency Shelter Crisis Task Force. We look forward to working together with the task force to ensure the safety and dignity of those accessing our services.

Across the City of Ottawa there is increased demand for shelter services. Shepherds of Good Hope encourages the new taskforce to find not just short-term solutions to the immediate need for shelter space but also long-term solutions to the housing crisis. The Shepherds vision of Homes for All, Community for All, Hope for All, informs our work and the care we provide to some of Ottawa's most vulnerable individuals.

“A safe, warm place to eat and sleep is a need we all share,” says CEO Stephen Bartolo. “For people experiencing homelessness, accessing emergency shelter is often the first step toward permanent, supportive housing. We provide harm reduction services and are working to increase our capacity for a permanent solution to homelessness by providing more permanent supportive housing.”

The approach at Shepherds of Good Hope has evolved over the past forty years to address the mounting challenges faced by people who are marginalized. The lack of affordable housing, toxic drugs, the pandemic, inflation, and climate change take a heavy toll on everyone. This includes people accessing our services, but also frontline staff, first responders, and other community members.

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