

Housing First: Condos give homeless hope

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Canadian Mental Health Association (CHMA) in Ottawa owns 32 condo units across the city that it rents to formerly homeless people with severe mental illness.

The agency at first acted as a referral agency and helped clients adjust to living in social housing. It later sought out rental units from private landlords. The CMHA now administers rent-supplements for 250 formerly homeless people in public and private buildings across the city. More than 70 Ottawa landlords offer units to CMHA clients, who apply a portion of their disability or welfare cheques to the cost of rent. The supplements make up the difference between that and the market rate. Once-reluctant landlords have come to value the program.

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