

Safe, Supportive, Affordable Housing



Our services are guided by the belief that there is potential in every youth, and possibility for growth and change. We believe that youth can choose to live successfully, provided with the requisite information, skills, motivation, opportunities and support.

An on-site support team actively assists each young person to establish and work towards achievement of his personal, social, and educational and/or employment-related goals.

A Different Street is a non-smoking building.

We are grateful
for the support of:

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Youth Services,
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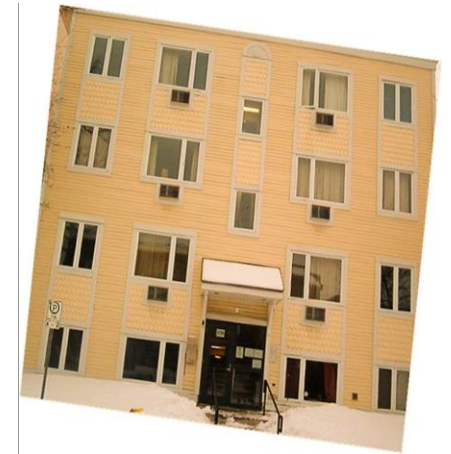
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A Different Street

**Supportive
Housing for
Young Men**

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A Different Street is for young men 16 years of age and older who are at risk or already involved in the youth justice system, and are homeless or living in an unsafe, unstable environment.

The primary objective of A Different Street is to provide young men with a safe, stable and affordable living environment that includes comprehensive on-site support. Through these supports, they are assisted in actively addressing their personal, social, educational, vocational, and health-related needs.

A partnership between the John Howard Society of Ottawa and youturn agency enables resources of both agencies to come together to better serve the needs of the young men who live at A Different Street.

I walk down the street / There is a deep hole in the sidewalk / I fall in / . . . / It takes forever to find a way out.

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I walk down the same street / There is a deep hole in the sidewalk / I walk around it.

I walk down another street.

—excerpted from Portia Nelson's
An Autobiography in Five Short Chapters, inspiration for our name



Youth Support Services | Services d'appui à la jeunesse



Apartments:

Affordable rent with utilities and cable included

Furnished bachelor units

On-site laundry

Close to amenities

Transit nearby

Services:

On-site support services available days, evenings and weekends

Collaborative case planning

Individualized support

Access to the Saint John Bosco Achievement Centre school program and the services of the Community Employment Resource Centre

Referral to other community resources as needed

Nos services sont également offerts en français

How to Apply

- Local Probation, Children's Aid Societies or other community service providers can initiate the application process by completing the necessary referral form.
- Young men can self-refer.
- A Different Street is an option under "Youth Supportive Housing" through the Housing Registry of Ottawa. Online applications are available at housingregistry.ca.
- For more information on the application process, please contact Mark Routliffe at 613-232-6410

Youth are encouraged to ...

- Be responsible and respectful of their apartment, the building and the community.
- Engage in a process of developing the skills needed for independent living and self-sufficiency.
- Access supports and services necessary to prevent any future involvement in the justice system, and to promote meaningful community participation.
- If relevant, abide by court-ordered conditions.