

A Year of Impact and Looking Ahead

Veterans' House Canada continues our mission to house and support veterans thanks to the gifts and contributions of our dedicated network of supporters, donors, and volunteers.

Too many to name here (you know who you are), but you understand the impact of every small and large contribution you make. I have watched this initiative grow from a standing start in 2013 to where we are today; the Andy Carswell Building in Ottawa, well-advanced plans for a second home in Edmonton, and ongoing planning for a further three, ultimately giving us coast-to-coast presence. Given the commitment of the right people and organizations, really big ideas are indeed achievable; we have reason to be proud.

As the days slowly lengthen and more light comes into our lives, let us all seek to reflect some of that light into the dark corners where people face the daily challenges of homelessness, hunger, and loneliness. Working with all our partners and donors regularly, reminds us of the true good that is in most people; together we are strong enough to face a world where so many have been pushed to the margins and forgotten. We are not that person who walked past a fallen comrade, eyes averted.

I have always found the dark at this time of year to be a time for introspection, for resolutions and for plans. Looking back and looking forward it's been a pretty good year; we have seen our network of partners, supporters and donors grow, as well as our own staff capacity to fulfill our mission. Thank you for the enormous good that you do; I know that each and every one of you is deeply committed to our mission.

Merry Christmas, and may we all face 2025 enriched by what the trials and challenges of the past 365 days have taught us of ourselves and of each other.

Look after yourselves and each other, relax, and recuperate; there is still much for us to do.

Mark R Eldridge
Board Chair