

ADVOCATE, EDUCATE & CELEBRATE

End Homelessness NOW

YES, we need to **Advocate** and **Educate** but we also need to **Celebrate** the countless hours devoted by many to restore dignity and health to the homeless because **EVERONE NEEDS A PLACE TO CALL HOME.**

Thanks to the dedicated work of the **St. Andrew's-Wesley Homelessness and Mental Health Action Group** for their tireless efforts to advocated for the homeless in the highest offices and to the rest of us. We celebrate the success of the forums and debates they have organized. *Thank You.*

NOW, on to a new challenge (without letting go of advocating and educating) of providing a place to call home for everyone. Help us to do just that ... by supporting our **Dollar-a-Day** sustainable fund-raising program. That's how we match our *Words* with our *Action*.

So, help us raise **\$500,000** through our **Dollar-a-Day** program. Together, we can provide a home for many.

Here is how it works

We invite 1400 donors to donate ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) a day to raise \$500,000 each year.

Through this newsletter, we will keep you posted on our successes together.

Homelessness put under one umbrella

One minister to take charge, coordinate all services

March 4, 2009: Vancouver - Lora Grindlay from The Province reports that the services for about 2,000 chronically homeless people in five B.C. communities will be streamlined under one government ministry.

Housing and Social Development Minister Rich Coleman will head the alignment of government ministries, health authorities and non-profit agencies dealing with the homeless in Vancouver, Surrey, Victoria, Prince George and Kelowna.

The government's Homelessness Intervention Project, announced yesterday, aims to reduce homelessness for those with mental illness and addictions. The "cross-ministry, integrated project" seeks to find homes and support services.

Is this the right step to take? What do you think? Go to our website and click on **blog** to let us know.

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