



GIVING IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE

TO PEOPLE WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED, VULNERABLE, SICK OR FACING AN IMMEDIATE THREAT



Our Donors invest in food, shelter, safety, access to health care, basic literacy and crisis intervention

Our Donors believe there are times when people need a helping hand. Immediate assistance that addresses survival, safety and basic needs can offer a necessary breathing space. Once immediate pressures have eased, individuals and their families have better opportunity to realize their potential.

ELIGIBLE TARGET POPULATIONS

- A guideline for establishing economic disadvantage is household income at or below 200% of the Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) in Canada or Federal Poverty in the US, or some other specific, objective measure of income.
 - Applicants should articulate the process by which income is verified.
 - Applicants should be able to verify at least 80% of those served cannot afford to pay, or can only partially pay, for the service or program.
 - In special circumstances, when a higher income threshold is appropriate or an alternate measure is being used, applicants should provide a clear rationale for doing so.
- People facing an immediate threat including those fleeing violence or at-risk of harming themselves or others, for whom income data is not available and seeking verification of income would be inappropriate.
- People facing significant barriers to care and in need of immediate assessment and referral, where income verification may be perceived as another barrier to care.
- People facing issues such as homelessness where economic disadvantage is assumed and it is not necessary to formally verify income.
- Efforts designed to benefit a universal audience or target population other than listed here are not eligible for Donor support.

Specifically, our Donors are interested in

Access to Care

Health impacts almost every other aspect of life. Immediate access to care (dental, mental, physical), assessment, diagnostic evaluation and referral as well as limited treatments designed to manage chronic disease are all critical to improving health. Emergency responses to suicide and critical mental health issues save lives. Detox and street-level responses are vital to the safety of those struggling with addictions. Our Donors believe removing barriers and increasing access to care are first steps to improving health and good health leads to other positive outcomes.

Basic Literacy

Literacy (inclusive of literacy, numeracy and problem solving in technology-rich environments) is fundamental to full participation in society. It is at the heart of education, health and economic self-sufficiency. Basic literacy skills allow parents to read a child's medicine bottle, employees to read a procedures manual or adults to use an automated teller machine (ATM) for their personal banking. Our Donors believe in the vital importance of literacy and the doors it can open for vulnerable people.

Relief of Basic Needs

A brighter future can seem impossible when basic human needs are unmet. People need food, clothing and safe shelter. Short-term financial assistance can mean the difference between eviction and stability. Medications and medical equipment can increase health and improve quality of life. Transportation and necessary tools can be critical to obtaining or keeping a job. Our Donors believe in providing for the safety and survival of those most in need.

Sample Outputs & Outcomes

Sample A

Output

Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, the Shelter will have recorded a minimum of 1,000 shelter bed nights.

Sample B

Output

Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, the mobile dental unit will have provided oral health care to 4,000 children and youth, an increase of 500 from the same period in 2016-2017.

Sample C

Output

By December 31, 2018, the food bank will have doubled its storage space from 1,000 square feet to 2,000 square feet, allowing it to serve an additional 500 families in need.

Sample D

Outputs

By December 31, 2019, the organization will have maintained stability by achieving the following organizational priorities:

- maintaining an operating reserve of \$250,000,
- reducing staff turnover from 7% to 3%, and
- developing a single point of entry intake system.

Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, the organization will have:

- served 185,000 meals,
- distributed 12,500 articles of clothing,
- provided 12,000 shelter beds

Sample E

Output

Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, the literacy program will have served 100 people.

Outcome

By December 31, 2019, 57 of 100 literacy program participants who entered the program at a PIACC Level 1 will exit the program reading at a PIACC Level 2 or above.