Elgin & St. Thomas Housing Corporation

Portfolio of 512 geared-to-income rental units and 18 low-end market rent units (total 530) including apartments, townhouses, semi-detached and detached housing units.

- 415 units in St. Thomas
- 80 Units in Aylmer
- 25 Units in West Lorne
- 10 Units in Rodney
- 19 Rent Supplement Units

### Tenants & Dependents

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Focus Fairview Services

Open Unit (drop-in):
Staff, students, and community champions act as community connectors and supports as needed at Focus Fairview Community Centre.

Clothing & Food Exchange:
Year round clothing and food available by donation, to be accessed by residents at no charge. All clothing donations are laundered and folded.

Computer Room:
Year round access to computers & a printer, for school projects, resumes, etc.

Community Garden:
Seasonally the backyard of the Focus Fairview unit is transformed into a community garden of raised beds. All food is grown and shared by the residents.

Mobile Unit:
Clinical services and health promotion are provided including fluoride treatments, blood pressure, foot care, flu shots, etc.
Focus Fairview Programs

Youth Programming:
Weekly small group programs. For example 5 week girls program includes topics such as self esteem, positive body image, and role models, as well as crafts and snack; 5 week boys group includes positive socialization, mentorship, and having fun through crafts, activities, and snack.

March Break Activities:
Daily activities are organized during March Break at FFCC.

Additional programs:
As identified needs arise, more programs may be added as able (lead can be coordinators, volunteers)

Kids’ Afterschool Program:
Once weekly program during school year includes homework help, snacks, and seasonal activities such as crafts.

Kids’ Food Skills:
Once weekly program during school year includes learning about & preparing healthy food.
Focus Fairview Programs

Collective Kitchen:
Group of 6-8 participate in a monthly collective kitchen at Community of Christ Church, to plan & prepare meals to take home to their families.

Community Night:
One evening a week an open activity is planned. Some weeks are family nights such as movies or games nights; some weeks are gatherings just for moms, etc.

Breakfast Club:
Every Friday a hot nutritious meal is shared, before school or during the summer brunch.

Yearly Trip:
One day in the summer a trip is organized with Focus Fairview residents (subsidized transportation & registration)

Seasonal Events:
Four times a year a celebratory special occasion activity is planned, for example Easter, Labour Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
Engaging Activities

Networking Circles:
Once a week informal gathering over coffee etc for residents to share and support each other. Community partners may be invited as necessary. Outlet to solicit and provide feedback.

Student placements:
Are applied for and maintained to support activities at Focus Fairview Community Centre (i.e.: pursue formal agreement with Fanshawe College, promote volunteer opportunities in the community, act as student mentor including completing evaluations, meeting with facility supervisors, etc).

Calendar & Newsletter:
Creation and distribution of calendar outlining activities at Focus Fairview Community Centre; Stories & updates on FFCC and community activities are shared regularly (i.e.: seasonal newsletters distributed)