

IN 2014

ALMOST **1400** YOUTH
WERE ASSISTED BY
**COVENANT HOUSE
VANCOUVER**



YOUTH SUCCESS

The young people who come to Covenant House face many obstacles to achieve independence. The majority of street youth have experienced physical, sexual or emotional abuse, often at the hands of the adults that were responsible for taking care of them.

Vancouver's downtown streets can be dangerous. Sexual exploitation, drug abuse, poverty and illness are commonplace on the streets. Many of our youth are re-victimized there, having fled one unsafe situation only to find their circumstances often worse. Combined with these traumas and often because of them, is the prevalence of mental illness amongst our youth. A wide range of mental illnesses plague our youth in growing numbers and are often left untreated with devastating impacts. In addition to mental illness, our young people also struggle with substance abuse.

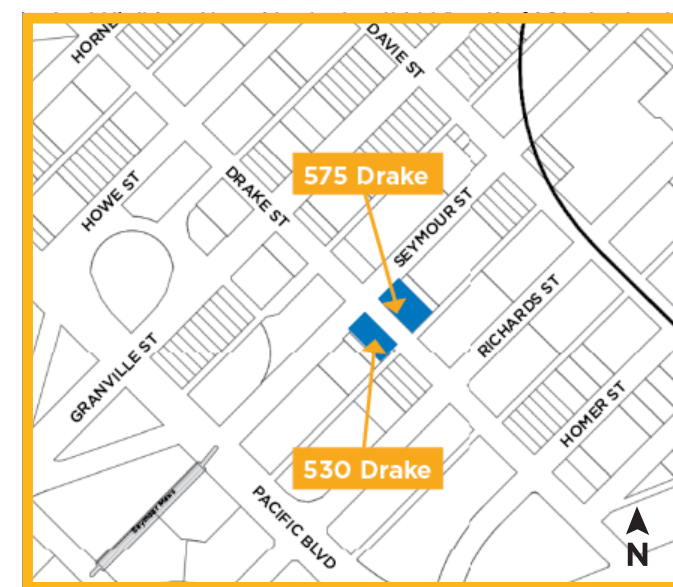


COVENANT HOUSE VANCOUVER RENEWAL

Covenant House Vancouver supports young people in achieving brighter futures. Preventing homelessness through counselling and support services, Covenant House facilitates long-term housing and education opportunities. The 575 Drake Street location has been serving Vancouver's youth since 1997. As the City has grown, so has the demand for youth services. Covenant House has "micro-managed" its existing space to the maximum and needs to expand its facilities.

Covenant House is proposing to expand at its existing location at Seymour and Drake by constructing two new buildings at 530 and 575 Drake Street. Planning, approvals and construction will be phased over five years with an anticipated completion in 2020.

LOCATION



ABOUT COVENANT HOUSE VANCOUVER

Covenant House Vancouver opened in 1997 with 12 beds after a needs and feasibility study revealed that there were no short or long term residential programs for at-risk youth. Over the past 18 years, Covenant House has responded to the growing number of homeless young people living on our streets. Today, Covenant House provides residential care to 80 young people each night, operating out of two buildings:

575 Drake Street and 326 Pender Street West

Covenant House Vancouver is a primarily privately funded organization supported by 150 employees, over 100 volunteers, and 57,000 donors.

It provides a full continuum of services for youth, including its three core programs:

STREET OUTREACH

Meets at-risk youth where they are. Outreach Workers offer food, counseling, minor medical attention, and invite the youth to the Drop-In Centre or the Crisis Program.

CRISIS PROGRAM

Offers 54 beds to 16 - 24 year old youth who for a variety of reasons, find themselves homeless. Trained staff and volunteers get youth the help they need without judgement.

RIGHTS OF PASSAGE (ROP)

A transitional living program that provides youth with safe, affordable housing and support while they transition to independent living.

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PROPOSED ELEVATIONS



PROPOSED EXPANSION

To meet the current and future needs of youth, Covenant House has developed a plan for a phased expansion of its services.

PHASE 1

Demolition of the existing 530 Drake Street (currently occupied by the Immigrant Services Society of BC) and construction in its place of a new 21,800 sq. ft. five-storey building that will include a small Health Centre and a relocated Drop-In Centre from 575 Drake Street. Upon completion of 575 Drake Street (Phase 2) the building will accommodate 14 sanctuary beds and program administration space. Estimated Completion: December 2018

PHASE 2

Demolition of the existing 575 Drake Street and construction of a new ten-storey, 54,000 sq. ft. building, which will include education and training spaces, counselling rooms, fitness facilities, and bedrooms for 75 young people. Estimated Completion: March 2020

PHASE 3

Renovation of Existing 326 West Pender Street - to enhance the Rights of Passage (ROP) transitional living program. Reconvert shelter bedrooms back to apartments - which will provide an additional 20 youth with access to this program. Estimated Completion: December 2020

