

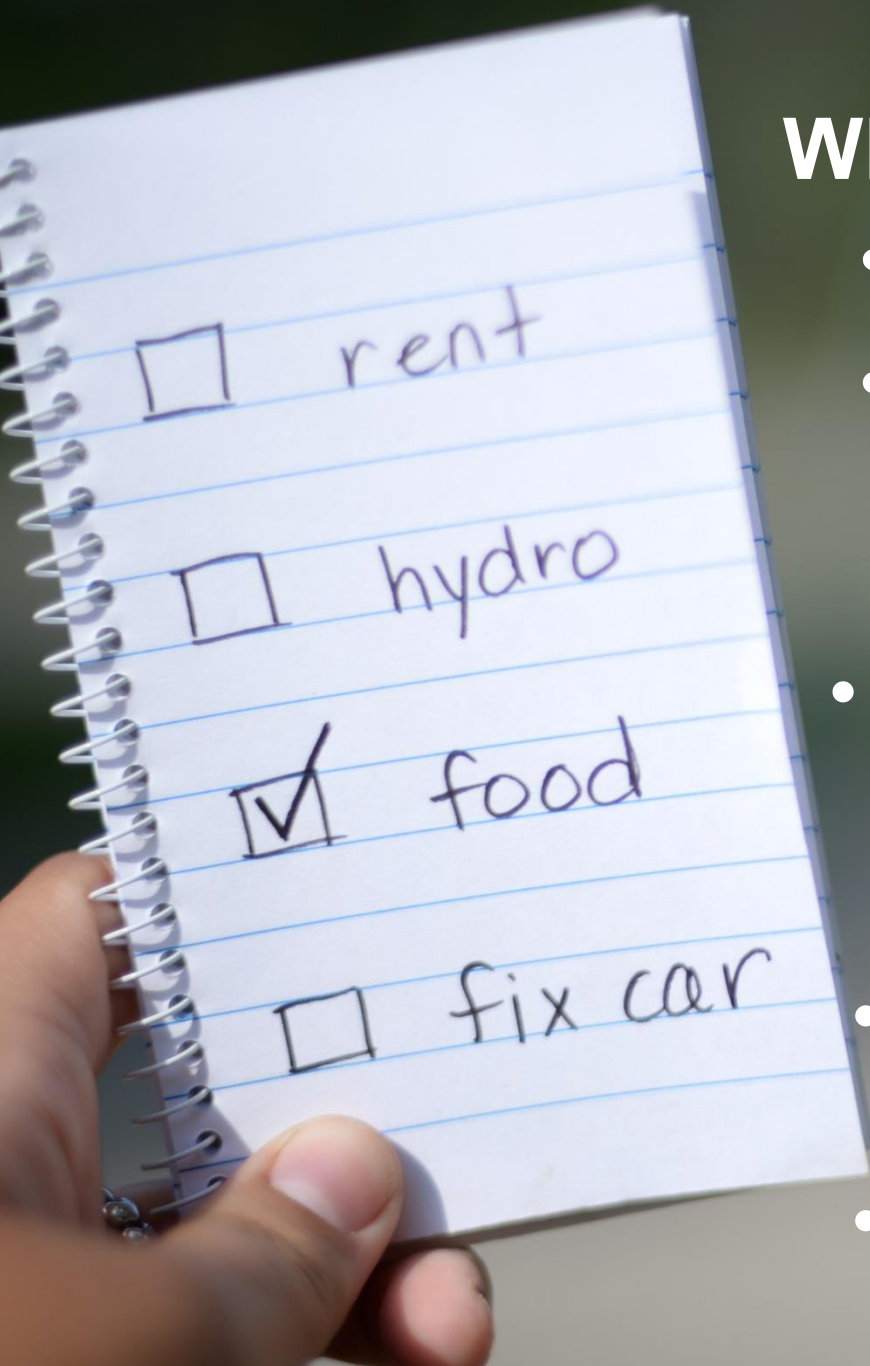


United Way
Oxford

Give. Volunteer. Act.

OXFORD

A caring, inclusive & resilient community where everyone lives with dignity, belonging, opportunity & hope



WHAT WE DO...

- Work locally to improve lives
- Connect people to the opportunities they need to build a better life
- Investment in locally developed strategies to respond to local issues
- Collaborate and work with partners in the community
- 100% Oxford County

Poverty to Possibility

Poverty is complex.
The burden is profound.



Strong Communities

Inclusive and supportive communities connect and strengthen all Oxford residents.

Ensure access to timely, free counselling support across the County





All That Kids Can Be

Successful kids are the
future of our community.



First Thursday in June

DAY of  United Way
Oxford

CARING



INFORMATION AND REFERRAL TO
COMMUNITY, SOCIAL, HEALTH
AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

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SUPPLIES *4* STUDENTS 2022

PROVIDING SUPPORT TO

1,325 Students

652 Families

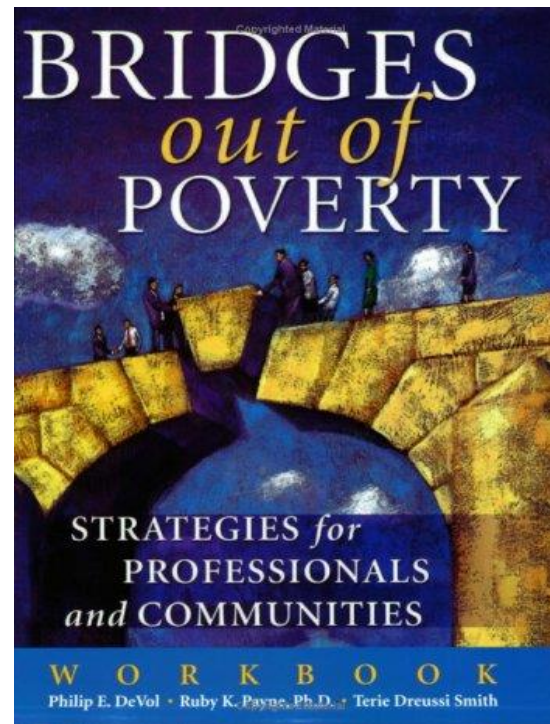
A collection of school supplies including pencils, pens, paper clips, a stapler, and a notebook.

BRIDGES *out of* POVERTY

STRATEGIES for
PROFESSIONALS
and COMMUNITIES

WORKBOOK

Philip E. DeVol · Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D. · Terie Dreussi Smith

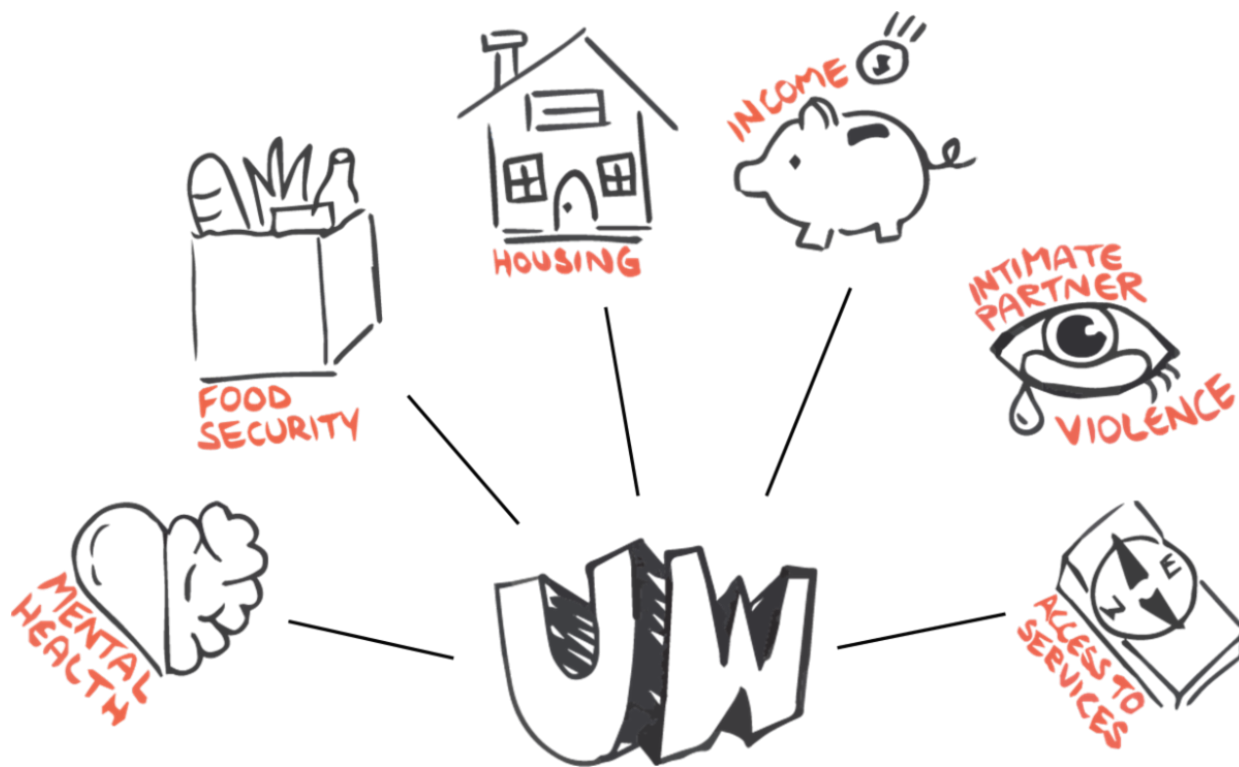
The cover of the "Bridges out of Poverty" workbook, featuring a stylized bridge over a river with people walking across it, set against a night sky with a moon.

HELP TO END
PERIOD POVERTY.

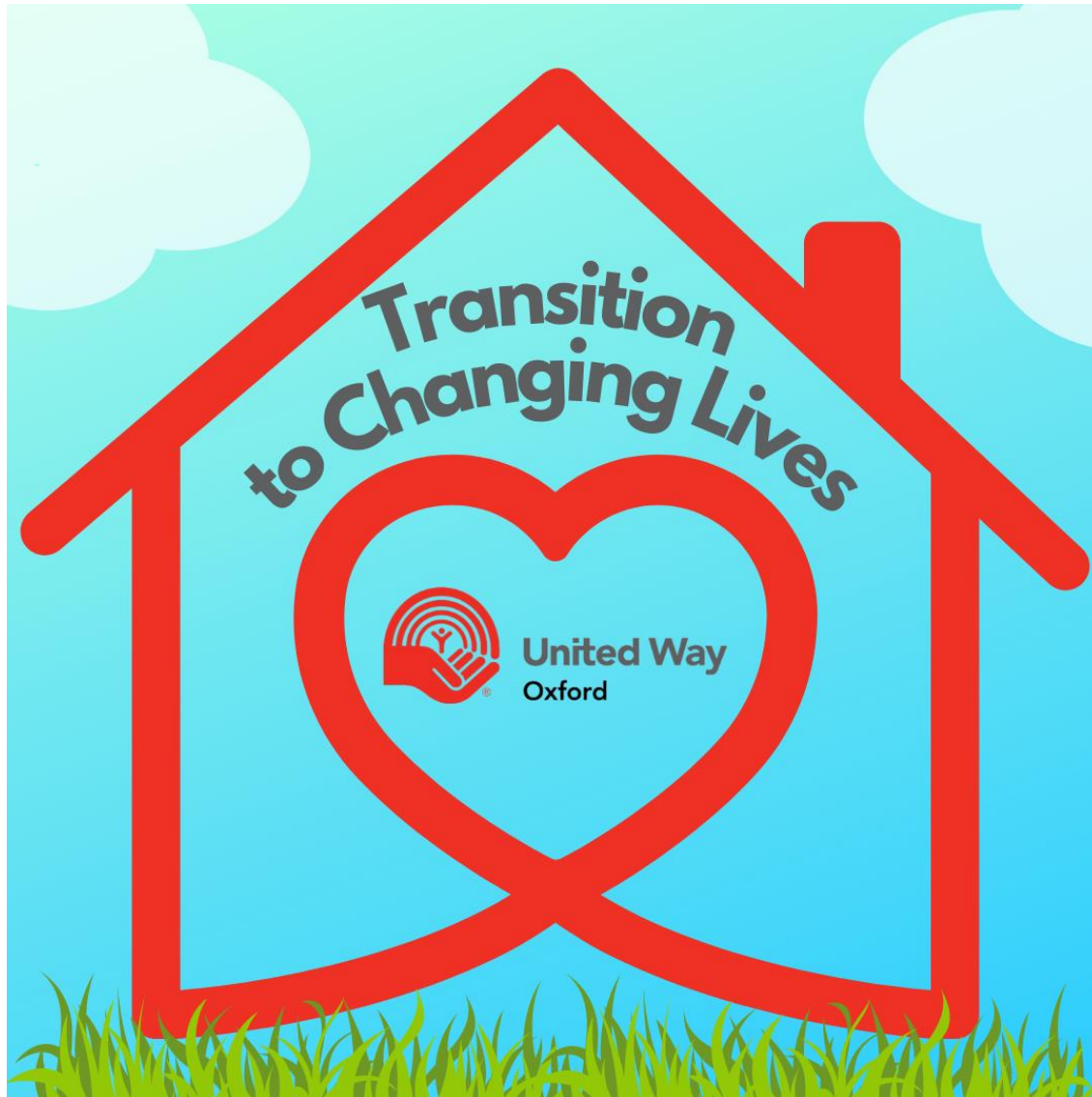
The United Way Oxford logo, featuring a stylized hand holding a person under a rainbow, with the text "United Way Oxford" below it.



#UNIGNORABLE



Community United Conversations Webinar Series



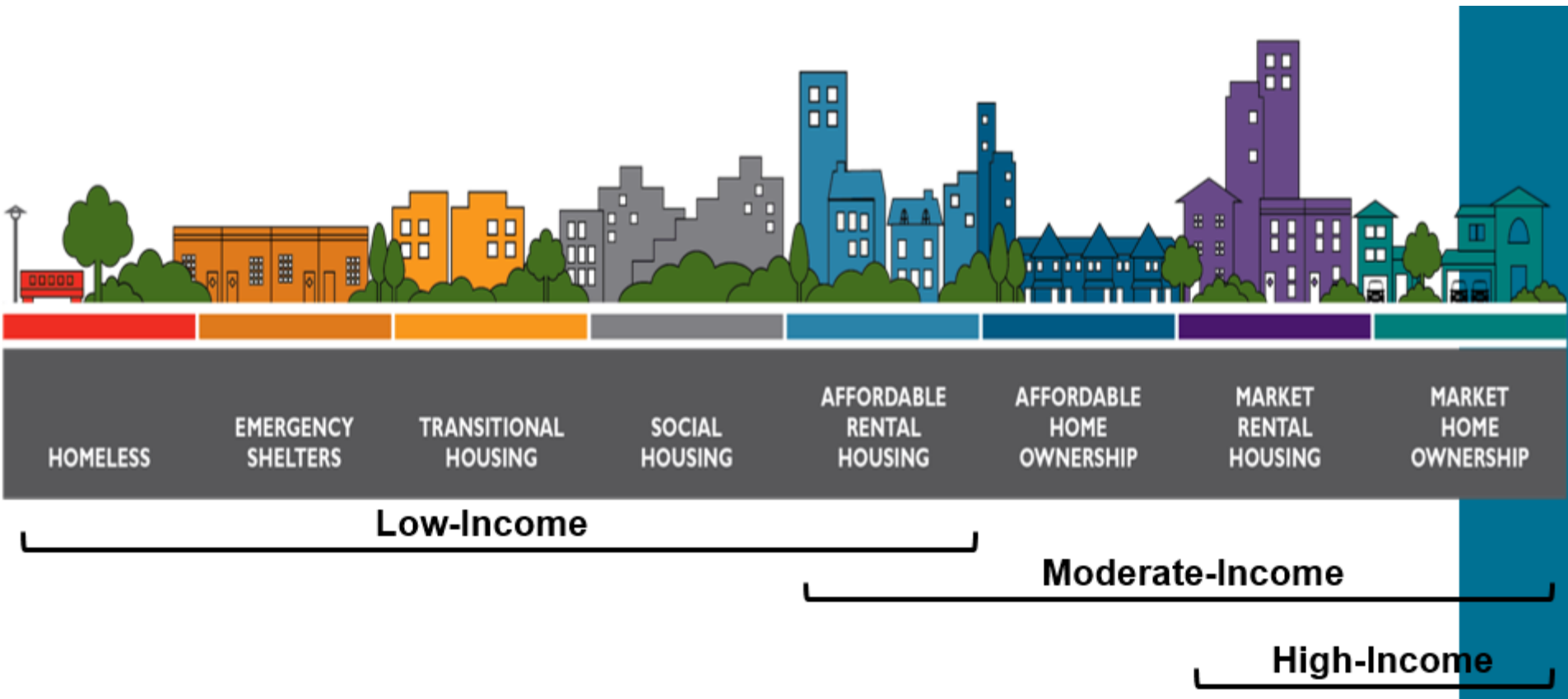


Why United Way Oxford?

- Provide(d) Funding for:
 - Oxford County Homelessness Prevention Pilot
 - OCCHC Housing Support Program for Oxford
 - OCCHC's staff support for Woodstock's Huron St. Transition House
 - Launch of the OCCHC's Mobile Outreach Bus
- Partner on the Oxford Housing Action Committee, where supportive housing, transitional housing and local advocacy are priorities
- Partner for the OTF funded #EndingHomelessnessOxford Project
- Helped support the pilot training for Rent Smart and now funding the implementation of the training program in Oxford
- Investment and partnership relationships for services
- Knowledge of community
- Commitment to invest in readiness to fill gaps
- Strong, stable community organization with local leadership



The Housing Continuum – Oxford County





Types of Housing

- Emergency Shelter
 - Operation Sharing's The Inn (Woodstock), Inn Out of the Cold (Tillsonburg)
 - Emergency House for Families
 - DASO
- Transitional Housing
 - Ingamo Second Stage Housing
 - Huron St. Transition House
 - Tillsonburg Transition House
- Supportive Housing
 - Prospect House
 - Indwell
- Community Housing
 - Oxford County Housing
 - Non-Profit Housing
- Affordable Rental
- Market Rental
- Home Ownership



The Housing Crisis – Oxford and Beyond!

A variety of tipping points converging:

- Extremely low rental vacancy rates
- Increasing rental and purchase costs
- Limited new (affordable) builds
- Significant cost of living / inflation increases
- Demand for social housing grows, as does the wait list
- Reno-victions
- Definitions:
 - Core Housing Need – if a household spends 30% or more of its before-tax income to pay the rent.
 - Affordable Housing – defined as 80% of market rate

Oxford County has a “Housing First Policy” but we need to have spaces available to house people that meet their needs



What is a Transitional House?

Transitional Housing refers to a supportive – yet temporary – type of accommodation that is meant to bridge the gap from homelessness to permanent housing by offering structure, supervision, support, life skills, and in some cases, education and training.

- Participants not tenants
- 364 day maximum stay
- Life Skills coaching
- System Navigation
- Guaranteed last months rent when moving on
- Housing seeking support



Tillsonburg Transition House – May 1st

- It is a partnership with the Oxford County Community Health Centre (OCCHC)
- United Way Oxford's Commitment:
 - Purchase a property and fund renovations
 - Furnish the house
 - Finance all operating costs associated with the house
 - Provide funding to OCCHC to provide the necessary on-site supports and services for tenants
- OCCHC's Commitment:
 - Deliver wrap-around and life-skills coaching supports to the 7 adult residents
 - Provide on-site staffing 5 days/week
 - Continue providing support when necessary to residents once they transition from the house



Ongoing United Way Oxford Funding

- United Way Oxford does not receive on-going gov. funding
- Approx. \$1,150,000 in annual giving campaigns – used for investments
- 65% of our dollars come from employees at workplaces that participate in payroll giving campaigns
- Corporate, Labour & Service Group donations
- Community residents' donations
- Special Events – United Way's & 3rd Party events



Saturday
February 24, 2024
Ingersoll
&
Tillsonburg



How Can The Town of Tillsonburg Help?

- Be champions for the Transition House & Residents!
- Help connect to new potential individual and corporate Tillsonburg donors
- Approve our Community Improvement Plan application
- Support our request for a one-time \$15,000 contribution to help offset set-up expenses
- Assist in securing donated furniture, services, etc.
- Support and promote our annual fundraising efforts



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

- Town of Tillsonburg and Oxford County Staff
- United Way Oxford Board
- United Way Oxford Donors
- Oxford Ontario Health Team
- London Community Foundation
- Cedric Tomico, Nu-decor & 360 Developments
- Chris Willie, Pow Engineering
- Various Tillsonburg Companies providing supports, services, products
- And **Many More** to be more appropriately thanked at a later date



Thank you for showing your Local Love



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