

# 2023 Year In Review



The Board of Directors reviewed and approved **Strategic priorities** to support and deliver programs that focus on mental health, medical supports, research and Veterans who are homeless.



**Leave the Streets Behind** is launched, providing Comfort Bags (backpacks with staples) and Apartment Kits (bins with household items) to Veterans. Dozens were delivered across BC.



With the help of Legion Branches and donors, the Foundation provided program funding and support of **over \$700,000** - the highest amount in the Foundation's 25 year history!

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Counts of those experiencing homelessness take place across 20 BC communities. They find that **6% are Veterans**. This confirms that there are hundreds of homeless Veterans across BC.



The Foundation welcomed Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (**PADS**) as a program partner. These “dogs with jobs” are ADI accredited and provide a lifeline to Veterans living with PTSD & OSSI injuries.



A new partnership in the day-to-day running of **Veterans House Victoria** was announced. The home continues to provide supportive transitional housing to Veterans while connecting them with help.

# 2024 Looking Ahead



## Veterans House Victoria

With much-needed maintenance work complete, we look forward to welcoming even more Veterans in 2024. The current waiting list is 13 Veterans and growing. Veterans House Victoria provides supportive, transitional housing to Veterans experiencing homelessness. Supported by other Veterans, this home provides safe housing and connection to Veteran services to those in need.



## Survey of Donors & Key Partners

Throughout 2024, we will be inviting supporters of the Legion Foundation to share their ideas and insights about what is important to them. Together, this will help us plan for the years ahead and ensure that every Veteran receives the care and respect they deserve.

When your survey arrives in the mail, please take a few moments to let us know what you think.



## Leave the Streets Behind

In 2024, our goal is to increase the number of Comfort Bags and Apartment Kits given to Veterans in need. We are teaming up with other Veteran-serving organizations to reach more Veterans, and adding even more Legion Branches to our list of distribution partners. We are actively seeking new organizations and companies to donate supplies so we can stretch every dollar a bit further.

These things happen because of you! We appreciate your support!  
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