

How You Can Help

Third Party Events

No matter how small or how large, your contribution can make a difference in support of the Greater Victoria Housing Society. Help us by hosting an event to raise funds for the Society. Develop your own fundraising event – it's easy to do!

You create the event. It can be anything – dinner, a dance, a bowling or golf tournament – or whatever else you can think of.

It's important that you let us know what you are planning. We can help with ideas too.

To get started, visit our website.



On-Line Donations

By visiting our website and clicking on CanadaHelps you can decide how best to make your on line donation in support of the Greater Victoria Housing Society.

You have many options:

- One Time Donation
- Setting Up Monthly Donations
- Creating Your Very Own Giving Page
- Donations of Securities



CanadaHelps is a non-profit organization providing a safe and secure method for donors to donate to the Greater Victoria Housing Society.

The Next Step!

For detailed information about:

- Donating to our Real Estate Fund (including our “Guide to Making Charitable Gifts of Real Estate”)
- Our Capital Building Fund
- Our Special Projects Fund
- Organizing a Third Party Event
- Creating your Own Giving page in support of the Greater Victoria Housing Society
- To make a one time or monthly donation - visit our website

To set up an appointment to discuss your donation, please call our office.



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“Dedicated to providing affordable rental housing in Greater Victoria.”

Who We Are and What We Do

The Greater Victoria Housing Society started in 1956 with a vision: senior citizens should have a safe, affordable home. Now, over 50 years later we own and manage 12 apartment buildings and townhouse complexes in Victoria, Esquimalt, Saanich and Colwood. Our vision has grown and changed: we provide secure affordable housing for all types of households.

We offer much more than shelter. Our buildings are a safety net for people who are faced with a personal crisis such as a health issue or loss of a job and to help those who cannot afford to buy or rent in the market. They provide opportunities for people to advance their training and work opportunities. They provide children with stability and continuity – a chance to develop strong attachments to their school and friends.



We help prevent homelessness and we also help people move out of homelessness and into a place of their own.

We have an ambitious goal – we want to keep growing and double the amount

of rental housing we own and manage. Over the next 10 years, our goal is to increase the number of affordable housing units we own by 600.

Join us in helping us reach that goal.

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Capital Building Fund

The Capital Building Fund is used to buy or build apartment buildings, increasing the number of affordable housing units we offer.

We are seeking donations to buy suitable development property and build new units. We work with experienced partners who have planning, development and construction expertise.

We also look for existing rental buildings in fair-to-good condition. With a large down payment, we can keep the building in good repair, extend its economic life and set rents at below-market rates.

Our goal is a Capital Building Fund of \$2 million so that we can move quickly when a suitable building becomes available.



Special Projects Fund

Small improvements can make a big change in the quality of life for our residents.

Your Donation will help us:

- Redecorate a resident's lounge
- Replace an old kitchen or bathroom
- Update or add new, safe playground equipment
- Update our gardens

For more information or to make a donation contact our office. Donations can also be made online by visiting our website.

Real Estate Fund

A gift of real estate is a win-win proposition. A real estate donation provides options and flexibility to manage a complex portfolio of assets while giving back to the community. Donors can receive substantial tax benefits and avoid new taxes.



Gifts of real estate work if you:

- are committed to affordable housing but no longer want or are able to manage your existing rental property
- need charitable tax credits to offset capital gains and income taxes
- want to dispose of an investment property, home or vacation property and want to leave a legacy to your community
- want to streamline your portfolio by donating property that no longer meets your needs
- would like to make a charitable gift while retaining your cash and liquid assets
- want to benefit now from a charitable tax benefit by bequeathing your home or property as part of your estate
- want to leave a significant legacy, knowing it will be well-managed and will benefit your community for decades to come

The Greater Victoria Housing Society has prepared a **“Guide to Making Charitable Gifts of Real Estate”** to assist you in defining, establishing and protecting your legacy to the community.