



**United Way**  
East Ontario



## There are many factors that can drive youth to homelessness. In Canada:

**91%**

of front-line providers serving homeless youth reported youth had experienced a significant increase in feelings of isolation and loneliness.

Violence accounts for at least 60% of the reasons young people are forced to leave home.

Almost one third of youth who are homeless identify as 2SLGBTQ+.

Some youth experiencing homelessness can't access their support networks because they don't have a smartphone, computer, or reliable internet.

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## Everyone deserves a place to call home.

United Way East Ontario works with local partners across Prescott-Russell, Ottawa, Lanark and Renfrew Counties to:

- Advocate for and strengthen the system that supports our region's most vulnerable youth by supporting evidence-based solutions like 'Housing First'.
- Provide youth experiencing homelessness with basic needs like food and personal protective equipment.
- Bridge the technology gap, so youth can stay connected to counsellors, mentors, and vital social services.
- Increase counselling, crisis, and mental health supports for youth who are—or are at risk of—experiencing homelessness.

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**The pandemic has amplified the challenges our communities face. You can help end youth homelessness, before it becomes life-long. Please give generously.**

## Your gift makes a difference.

With the support of donors, United Way helped 31,194 youth and their families across our region reach their full potential over the past year. By providing opportunities for youth to find a brighter path forward, we can achieve great results,\* such as:

**Youth housing needs are met**

**99%** of youth living in emergency shelters or transitional housing received supports to live independently.

**170** youth living in emergency shelters or transitional housing received supports to live independently.

\* A segment of Ottawa's 2020-21 All That Kids Can Be outcomes and results.

## See the impact you make possible.

While COVID-19 made it hard for Ciizzy to find a place to stay after she was kicked out of her home, United Way and Youth Services Bureau helped her find a brighter path forward.

Read her story: [UnitedWayEO.ca/Ciizzy](https://UnitedWayEO.ca/Ciizzy)



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