



Annual General Meeting

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As we close out another fiscal year, I am humbled by the resilience, compassion, and dedication that continues to define our work at Viola's Place. Over the past year, our team has demonstrated commitment in the face of growing complexity. I want to extend my sincere thanks to each and every staff member—your tireless efforts provide stability, dignity, and hope to those we serve. Whether it's through housing support, shelter services, community outreach, or day-to-day operations, your work truly makes a difference in the lives of others.

This year, we took a meaningful step forward by breaking down barriers and fostering a collaborative relationship with the Nova Scotia Health Authority—an important partnership that we look forward to growing. Alongside, we were pleased to broaden our team with a Recreation Support Worker and a Mental Health Counsellor. Both roles were created in response to the evolving needs of our clients. These additions reflect our belief that healing and wellness extend beyond shelter—recreation promotes life skills and community connection, while mental health support ensures no one faces their challenges alone.

Additionally, with the support of Opportunities and Social Development, Viola's Place invested over \$100,000 in homelessness prevention, helping to keep families, seniors, and individuals safely housed within our community.

As the world around us continues to shift and test our collective values, the importance of community and humanity has never been more evident. At Viola's Place, we remain grounded in the belief that everyone deserves safety, respect, and connection. In a time when it's easy to feel divided, we see daily reminders that compassion still unites us. Whether it's a hot meal, a shared conversation, or a second chance—small acts of care build the foundation of a stronger, more just society.

Thank you to our board of directors, our partners, donors, volunteers, and every community member who walks alongside us in this mission. Together, we are building a community where everyone belongs.

With gratitude,

Lisa Deyoung
Executive Director, Viola's Place Society