





LLGAMH and The United Counties partner to provide housing clients with wrap-around services for long-term success

February 7, 2024 - Lanark Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health (LLGAMH) and The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) strengthened their partnership by teaming up to provide individuals who are unhoused with housing and wrap-around services for greater long-term success.

Mayor Brant Burrow, Chair of the UCLG Joint Services Committee, shares: "The United Counties is very thankful for the willingness of Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health to partner and provide critical housing support services to those exiting homelessness. We are encouraged to see so many people with complex struggles receiving the services they require to retain long-term safe and affordable housing solutions."

In fall 2023, LLGAMH received funding from UCLG for five staff (3 full-time, 2 part-time) to provide Supportive Living services to 20 housing clients, giving them the support they need for longer-term, stabilized housing. The clients are identified by the ByNameList and approved by UCLG.

"Community partnerships like this one are the cornerstone of how we will collaboratively make a meaningful impact for our communities," says Domenic Ielo, CEO, LLGAMH. "This has been a significant opportunity to expand our team's reach so that more individuals can benefit from the services they need to achieve their goals."

Katelyn and her partner, James, are Supportive Living clients and describe the Program as "the very best transformation experience in our lives."

She adds: "Brockville, as some might know, has a big homelessness problem, but since this Program started, it's helping destignatize homelessness. I am not just thankful for this Program, but I am thankful for the staff. I am constantly amazed by their support, compassion, encouragement, and unwavering commitment to providing a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment for each client so they are happy, healthy, and safe! The staff have made an impact on the lives of the individuals they support—especially ours."

The new Supportive Living Program's wrap-around services include individualized case management, support with activities of daily living (e.g., cooking), medication management and reminders, and support with appointment logistics.

"This new Program mirrors our existing and successful Co-Op Program," explains Kim Gifford, Manager, Clinical Services. "When UCLG approached us about their service gap, we knew the

wrap-around model was the right fit, and we had the added comfort of leveraging an established program that has been so effective for clients. Thanks to our fantastic, dedicated team, it's been a strong start to the Supportive Living Program."

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