



Our mission

To provide and promote safe, affordable, and well-maintained housing in inclusive communities, and to mobilize resources for these purposes.



Our members

We have 80+ member faith groups, including Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Unitarian congregations. Our volunteers come from both civil and religious society.

Brief History

- **2001**
 - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa & other Christian churches, Jewish faith groups and Muslim communities joined together to address the lack of affordable housing in Ottawa
- **2002**
 - Multifaith Housing Initiative of Ottawa was recognized as a Canadian nonprofit charitable organization
- **2005**
 - Purchased Kent House (first property)
- **2006**
 - Acquired 10 units within Somerset Gardens
- **2008**
 - Purchased Blake House
- **2017**
 - Built The Haven
- **2021**
 - Built Veterans' House: the Andy Carswell Building (ACB)
 - Created Veterans' House Canada (VHC)
- **2023**
 - As intended, VHC, having gained charitable status, separated from MHI, and prepares to expand across Canada
 - Sold Kent House, raising money for new developments. Transferred ACB to VHC
 - Amalgamation with Gloucester Housing Corporation

Role of St. John the Evangelist Church

- Founding members since 2002
- Winner of Tulipathon award

Key Individual contributions

- Garth Bulmer, Rector of St. John's - President
- Gay Richardson - Secretary, volunteer administrator, MOC, Board president
- Bruce Marshall Board and the Development Committee
- Sue Evans – Acting Executive Director for MHI
- Allen Box built bird houses in Bruce's memory which are located at Veterans' House and The Haven
- The Anchor Project: Update

How many people live in MHI communities? Post Amalgamation



422 rental units
(9 communities)



1,500+
residents





Welcome to 665 Albert St.

- Multifaith Housing Initiative's newest affordable housing development
- Situated between Ottawa's new Ādisōke main public library and the Pimisi LRT station.
- Partnership with Toronto-based real estate developer Dream and the National Capital Commission



Dream LeBreton Flats

- Also known as Odenak or “community” in Algonquin
- 608 units total
- 133 units owned and operated by MHI
- Dream Foundation committed \$150K/year for community development
- MHI signature programs on-site and offered to *all* tenants
- Canada’s largest net-zero carbon residential community



Priority Populations

These affordable units will serve the priority populations identified in Canada's National Housing Strategy:

- Algonquin and other Indigenous peoples,
- Veterans,
- Immigrants and refugee families
- Women and children
- Adults with cognitive disabilities



Dream LeBreton Capital Campaign

- MHI has launched a fundraising campaign to raise \$1.6M to support this new development
- Donations will help offset the cost of building 30 units specifically for Indigenous households
- Raised approximately 50% to-date



Tulipathon 2025

- Is a 3K walk at Dow's Lake on May 25th
- Brings together MHI faith groups & volunteers
- Family Fun Zone
- Pledge to walk and raise funds
- Friendly competitions

We can't do it without your support

- Join our email list
- Follow us on social media and share our content
- Join or renew your membership
- Make a donation
- Volunteer your time

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Volunteer with us

- Fill out the volunteer form on our website
 - www.multifaithhousing.ca/volunteer

OR

- Email us at
 - comm.engagement@multifaithhousing.ca

Join one of our upcoming events

- **Tulipathon 2025**: Sunday May 25, 2025
 - Time: 3:00 PM
 - Location: Commissioners Park (across from Dow's Lake)
 - Fundraise with your team online or make a banner for our competition!
- **National Housing Day 2024**: November 2025
 - Time: TBD
 - Location: TBD