

Supportive Roommate, Roofs for Youth

The Agency

The Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS) is a community-based charitable organization dedicated to reducing the incidence of crime and increasing community safety through preventative and restorative justice practices. To accomplish these ends, we provide direct services to individuals at risk, advocacy for effective responses to crime with the individuals involved and education for youth and adults in the community. The Calgary John Howard Society is committed to an organization environment that recognizes the dignity and worth of each person. CJHS values diversity and inclusion and welcomes qualified applicants from all walks of life.

The Program

The Roofs for Youth Program (Roofs) is a Housing First program providing reintegration support for chronically disengaged and homeless youth aged 15-24 years who are at risk of involvement in the justice system without stable housing and support services. Roofs provides a continuum of services from discharge planning to housing placement and then continuous case management supports to help the youth stay out of jail, remain housed and successfully transition to adulthood.

The Supportive Roommate will offer a unique and engaging role in which the successful candidate will be housed with two youth in our program and provide mentorship within the home. The Supportive Roommate will offer daily support when necessary, the home will be provided by the Calgary John Howard Society. Supporting youth in their transition into the community is integral to lower rates of recidivism.

The Position

The Supportive Roommate will be expected to report monthly regarding the successful placement of the youth. The relationship between the Supportive Roommate and youth will be organic and built naturally, the support required from the Supportive Roommate will vary week to week based on the needs of the youth. The Supportive roommate will continue with their own employment, hobbies, and social supports outside of the home.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Collaboration in creating a healthy and clean living space with youth who are living in the house
- Work closely with the Roofs for Youth Team and attend team meetings when applicable
- Assist with program development and evaluation
- Keep up-to-date on supportive approaches to working with youth
- Work with the Roofs for Youth Team to facilitate access to support services
- Attend Agency meetings when applicable
- Act as a positive role model for the youth sharing this living space with a minimum of 5 hours' positive interaction per week
- Report monthly to supervisor and have on-going supervision with access to on-call staff

The Supportive Roommate will have a post-secondary education in a relevant discipline with at least 1 year of experience working with the target population. The successful applicant will work from a Harm Reduction and Housing First approach.

The Supportive Roommates' rent will be covered by The Calgary John Howard Society. Internet and Utilities not included.

The successful candidate for the above position will have to successfully undertake a Calgary Police Information Check (CPIC) and a Child Welfare Information System [CWIS] check.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to:
laura.schoenberg@cjhs.ca, **Roofs for Youth**

The Calgary John Howard Society thanks all applicants, unfortunately only those considered for an interview will be contacted.