



In our excitement to share the furniture sale, we put in the wrong address.

**Our Furniture Bank is at Unit 1B, 700 Industrial Ave., not 100 Industrial Ave.**

You can find it updated below too.

#### APRIL IMPACT

👥 **216 refugee claimants housed**

🏠 **87 homes furnished**

"The people there are really lovely, and don't give you the feeling that they are giving you things, they are very polite. **Thank you so much for protecting our dignity.**"

— *From a client of our Furniture Bank*


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**We're having a sale!**



From among the many generous donations to our Furniture Bank, our volunteers have curated, restored and upcycled hundreds of beautiful, gently-used pieces.

Don't miss this chance to take home one-of-a-kind artwork, decor, homeware, and furniture. All proceeds support our Furniture Bank and Refugee Services, helping provide essential items in short supply.

 **Come shop, enjoy a coffee, and learn more about our work!**

 **Saturday, May 9 from 11 AM to 3 PM**

 **MHO Furniture Bank, Unit 1B, 700 Industrial Ave**

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**Furnishing Futures: a night to remember**

*Photo by Caroline Phillips*

What an incredible evening.

On April 16th, we welcomed our community into the new Furniture Bank for **Furnishing Futures** — a celebration of how far we've come, and a collective push to bring this project across the finish line.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, partners, volunteers, and donors, **we raised an amazing \$78,000, surpassing our \$50,000 goal.**



Guests experienced the space firsthand, heard a powerful client story, and came together in a meaningful Fund-a-Need moment to help ensure more families across Ottawa can turn empty spaces into homes filled with comfort and dignity.

This was more than a fundraising event — it was a powerful reminder of what's possible when a community comes together.



We can't thank our event sponsors enough for bringing this evening to life. Terlin Construction Ltd., CrossPoint Financial, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, LouLou Lounge Furniture Rental, Pretty Eats by Hanan, Dominion City Brewing Co., Cafe Deluxe, Coconut Lagoon, Chef David Godsoe Cuisine, Hilton Garden Inn Homewood Suites, and musician Alex Lopez, **we appreciate you.**

[Check out Caroline in the Capital's recap and photos!](#)

## Welcome Neil, our new Senior Program Manager for the Furniture Bank!



We are delighted to welcome **Neil Simpson** as the new Senior Program Manager for the Furniture Bank.

Neil was born and raised on the beautiful island of Jamaica, where they have a saying: "**Wi likkle but wi tallawah.**" It means that while we may be small, we are mighty—a mindset that has always driven him to create an outsized impact in what he does. After years in senior corporate leadership, he felt a calling to shift his focus from profit to purpose.

He joined Matthew House Ottawa to bring that "tallawah" spirit to our mission, using his experience in strategy and operations to ensure our small but mighty organization has the greatest possible impact on the families we serve.

He approaches this work as a thoughtful listener, believing that true service starts with making sure people feel seen, heard, and valued. To him, strategy is simply the tool he uses to clear the path for others, ensuring that dignity and support reach those who need it most.

He is honoured to be part of a team that provides a sense of belonging and a fresh start to everyone who walks through our doors.

[Connect with Neil](#)

**Celebrating our volunteers**



Last week, we had the joy of celebrating National Volunteer Week—a special time to recognize the incredible individuals who give their time, energy, and compassion to our community. At Matthew House Ottawa, our volunteers are truly the heart of everything we do.

From welcoming new neighbours, to supporting day-to-day operations, to bringing warmth and kindness into every interaction, our volunteers make a lasting impact in ways both big and small. Their dedication helps create a space where everyone feels seen, supported, and valued.

We are deeply grateful for each and every one of you. Your generosity and commitment are what make Matthew House Ottawa such a vibrant and caring community. Thank you for all that you do—you inspire us every day.

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If you have any questions or would like to speak with Matthew House Ottawa's Executive Director, [you can schedule a meeting with Kailee here](#).

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