

Member Profile

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The co-operative housing movement consists of housing co-operatives, whether occupied or under development, the people who live and work in them, and the organizations and individuals that support and serve them.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada) is the nation-wide umbrella organization for co-op housing and Canada's link with co-op housing around the world. The organization exists to unite, represent and serve the co-op housing community across Canada.

Staff are located in offices in Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Halifax. The annual meeting draws co-op members to a different Canadian city each year. Here, delegates of member co-ops from all across Canada meet to learn, debate, elect board members and socialize. International work is carried out through Rooftops Canada Foundation, an international development organization founded and supported by CHF Canada and its members.

About Housing Co-operatives

Housing co-operatives provide not-for-profit housing for their members. The members do not own equity in their housing. If they move, their home is returned to the co-op, to be offered to another individual or family who needs an affordable home.

Some co-op households pay a reduced monthly rent (housing charge) geared to their income. Government funds cover the difference between this payment and the co-op's full charge. Other households pay the full monthly charge based on cost.

Because co-ops charge their members only enough to cover costs, repairs, and reserves, they can offer housing that is much more affordable than average private sector rentals.

Co-op housing also offers security. Co-ops are controlled by their members who have a vote in decisions about their housing. There is no outside landlord.

For more information about Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada go to www.chfcanada.coop.

Fast Facts

- *Number of members* 1090
- *Number of housing co-operatives* 895

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