



People who are lonely have a 50% greater risk of dying early



Elgin St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty

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12,515

people are living below the poverty line in our community.

This number is more than the population of Aylmer, West Lorne, Port Stanley and Port Burwell combined.

OUR STRATEGY

Poverty to Possibility

VISION

No person in Elgin—St. Thomas will live in poverty

MISSION

To address the root causes of poverty

FOCUS



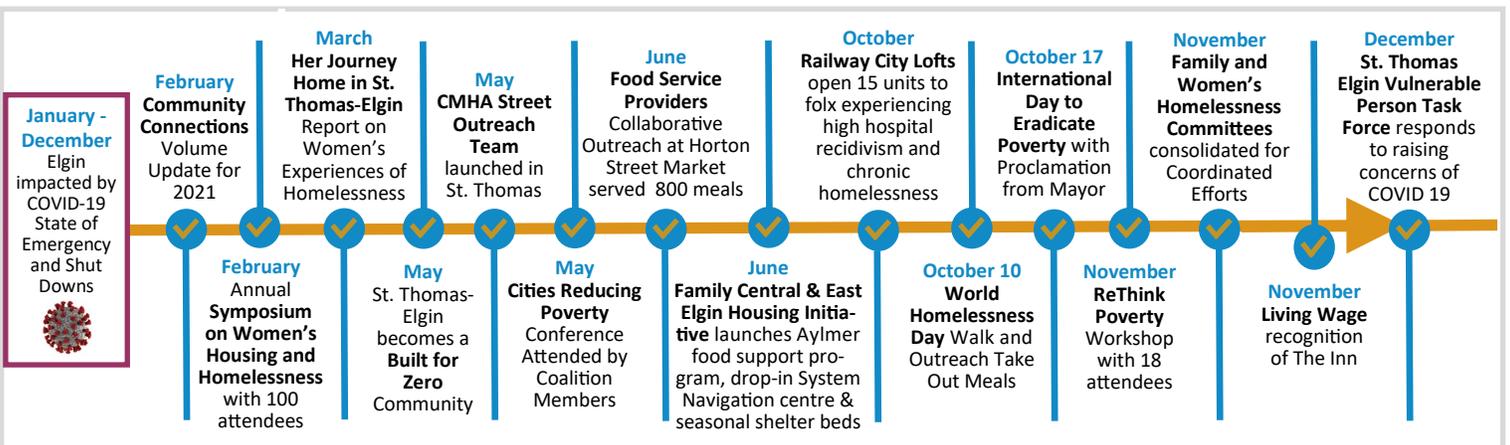
Housing Stability



Food Security



Income Security



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2021 Progress Timeline

WORKING TOGETHER

The Coalition to End Poverty is made up of Elgin St. Thomas citizens, agencies, businesses and government representatives. Our plans and projects align with the good work that's already being done in our community.

OUR FOCUS



Housing Stability

Everyone can find and maintain a safe and affordable place to call home.



Food Security

Everyone has access to accessible, affordable, sufficient and nutritious food.



Income Security

Everyone has access to a Living Wage and Employment Resources.

VISION



ADVOCATE



EDUCATE

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Railway City Lofts

Indwell, a Christian charity dedicated to offering Hope and Homes to All, has opened its first of three programs in St. Thomas this year. Railway City Lofts is a 15-unit Enhanced Supportive Housing Program that seeks to support individuals who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. Residents are supported by an interdisciplinary staff team comprised of Housing Support, Addiction Support, Behaviour Therapy, Nursing, and Food Security

Living Wage

In 2021 the Living Wage Committee recognized Libro Credit Union St. Thomas and The Inn as living wage employers.

St Thomas Food Providers Network

The Network organized over 25 different groups and churches to provide food at the Horton Market while Grace Café was closed. They also provided funds and/or volunteers to prepare meals at the Knights of Columbus Hall and serve the food at the Market. Over 800 suppers were distributed, with at least as many lunches and breakfasts. Over 60 volunteers helped, totaling well over 500 hours of volunteer time during these 6 days. Many thanks go out to the Knights of Columbus and the City of St. Thomas for allowing use of their facilities at no charge to provide this service for those in need.



St. Thomas-Elgin becomes a Built for Zero Community

Built for Zero is an ambitious change effort helping a core group of leading communities to end chronic and veteran homelessness. As a Built for Zero Community, St Thomas Elgin receives support to adopt proven practices, utilize real time data to inform system improvement, and engage in resources from other communities, government leadership, and private & philanthropic sectors. In September, St. Thomas Elgin achieved a Quality By Names List marking a significant milestone for St Thomas Elgin as the fastest community in Ontario to do so.

2021 saw 84 folx move off the By Names List into housing, comprising of 45% of the 189 referred within the year.

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WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

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