

Long-Time Choices for Youth Executive Director, Sheldon Pollett, Accepts Top Role at Raising the Roof

Choices for Youth (CFY)'s long-time Executive Director, Sheldon Pollett, has taken on a new national role as Executive Director of Raising the Roof, a renowned organization dedicated to addressing homelessness by working with partners to develop affordable and supportive housing across Canada.

Sheldon Pollett's tenure as Executive Director at CFY spans an impressive 23 years, during which he led the organization through substantial growth and impact. From supporting 45 youth in 2001 to providing wrap-around services for 1347 children and youth in 2023, his leadership has been instrumental in CFY's evolution into a leading, innovative force in addressing youth homelessness. Under his leadership, CFY operates 100+ housing units, four social enterprises, family and natural supports programming, outreach and youth engagement supports, and healthcare services. Building on this proven model, CFY was recently awarded \$4.3 million to develop an Integrated Youth Services network with partners in rural and remote regions of the province. In 2023, CFY was recognized on the Top 100 Charities in Canada list.

Reflecting on his journey at CFY, Sheldon Pollett remarks, "It has been an incredible privilege to work alongside a dedicated team and community partners who share a deep commitment to creating positive change for young people. My time at CFY has been transformative, and I am excited to bring that experience to my new role at Raising the Roof."

Sheldon's transition to Raising the Roof signals a new chapter in his distinguished career, where he will leverage his expertise and passion to drive national impact in addressing homelessness through innovative and preventative solutions.

"Sheldon's transformational leadership and unwavering dedication to innovation have profoundly shaped Choices for Youth for more than two decades," says Geoff Davis, Chair, Choices for Youth's Board of Directors. "The Board of Directors extends our heartfelt gratitude for his exceptional service and wishes him continued success in expanding his impact on a national scale through Raising the Roof's vital work in affordable housing."

CFY remains steadfast in its mission to support youth and families in accessing stable housing and employment, committed to innovation, collaboration, and impactful programming. The organization's Board of Directors is engaging in a recruitment process to select Sheldon's successor, ensuring continuity and excellence in its leadership.

Join us in celebrating Sheldon's new role and CFY's continued dedication to creating positive change in our province.

Choices for Youth (CFY) is a non-profit, charitable organization that supports children, youth, and young families ages 0-29 to secure stable housing and employment while working toward family stability and better health, all through innovative programming and social enterprises.

***Raising the Roof:** For over 27 years, Raising the Roof has been leading the way on long-term solutions to homelessness across Canada through the creation of affordable housing, employment opportunities for people at risk of homelessness, and fundraising through the annual Toque Campaign. Raising the Roof envisions a world in which all Canadians have access to a safe, stable home and the supports they need to achieve their potential.*