

PRINCE GEORGE | Report to the Community

Welcome to the fourth edition of our **Prince George: Report to the Community!** It has been a busy few months since our last issue, and we are pleased to offer news, updates, and stories from our community.

TOUCHING BASE:

In Conversation with Connective Leadership



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As we approach the end of another busy year, our team has been laying the groundwork for even more exciting work to come. Following significant growth over the past year, and in preparation for an additional 80 units of supportive housing by the end of the fiscal year, we have been pleased to welcome Alex, former Program Manager at 3rd and London Transitional Housing, into a Senior Manager role. With both frontline and strategic experience, a passion for collaboration, and a commitment to safe, inclusive spaces, we're excited for Alex to play a larger role in Connective's team in Prince George.

You can hear more from Alex, and catch up on other updates, in the pages ahead.

ANDREW'S STORY

A Journey Toward Independence

*Name changed to protect privacy

When Andrew first met with Connective's Prince George team, he faced significant challenges.

An attempt to take his own life resulted in the loss of both lower limbs, a prolonged hospital stay, and job loss. Once discharged from the hospital, Andrew found he could no longer do the things he once did with ease – it was a major turning point in his life. With nowhere else to go, Andrew was placed in the Prince Motel and put in touch with Connective, through Northern Health.

An initial meeting made it clear that Andrew could benefit from the Supported Rent Supplement Program. A referral was submitted, and since then, SRSP has been a great source of help and support.

|| **"Connective has come to my life as a light."**

Andrew has come far in his journey, and is eager to learn new ways of living independently. For now, Connective staff help him order groceries, go into the community, and help provide regular social interaction, through coffee and conversation.

Andrew's often tearful gratitude is a powerful reminder of why we're proud to do this work.

When Andrew first came to Connective he was noted as saying, "I will never move out from Prince [Motel], as I am not capable of doing it." Now, with the support of staff, his outlook has changed.

|| **"Let's find a nice apartment for me, I know I can do it because of you guys."**

We're excited to see where Andrew goes from here, and ready to continue supporting him!

CONNECTIVE RECEIVES AWARD

BCNPHA'S Non-Profit Housing Provider of the Year

Last week, at the annual Housing Central Conference, **Connective was named the 2025 Non-Profit Housing Provider of the Year!**

Each year, this award highlights organizations that demonstrate creativity and leadership in creating safe, affordable, and inclusive housing. It was an honour to see our work recognized in this way and humbling to be acknowledged alongside BCNPHA's other award winners.

Connective staff were also pleased to take part in the rest of the conference, participating in, and leading, several workshops. Included in this was Alex, Senior Manager (and former Program Manager 3rd & London Transitional Housing).

You can read more about the conference, and our award, by clicking the link below.

[Read More on our Blog!](#)

Staff Perspective: Alex, PG Senior Manager

I had the privilege of traveling from Prince George to Vancouver, to attend the Housing Central conference. My journey began right at the local airport, where I connected with other housing professionals, all headed to the same event. This made me feel great about the opportunity ahead.

The conference itself featured a huge range of policy experts, executives, and those with frontline experience. In countless conversations and casual exchanges, colleagues from across the sector had nothing but wonderful things to say about Connective and the quality of our services. This boosted my confidence heading into our session.

"Admittedly, the idea of presenting before a large audience always comes with a few nerves. Yet, that initial apprehension quickly gave way to excitement when I remembered what I was there to share: the incredible impact of the 3rd & London program."

– Alex, Senior Manager



I presented alongside two colleagues, on the topic "Building Community in Transitional Housing." We highlighted the outstanding work of our teams in two programs: 3rd & London, in Prince George, and 1300 Island Highway, in Nanaimo. It was amazing to interact with other housing operators, and to share innovative ideas, suggestions, and recommendations that we can bring back and implement locally.

Overall, the atmosphere at the conference was electric, and I feel great pride in knowing I am part of an organization leaving a tangible impact on the lives of those we serve, and on the partners we're lucky enough to collaborate with.



NOW HIRING

Join our Growing and Passionate Team!

If you're looking for jobs in Prince George that align with your values and desire to make a difference, join Connective! We're currently hiring for a range of roles, including Hospitality Service, Indigenous Liaison, Tenant Support, and more!

We're looking for individuals who can advocate for service users, meet them where they're at, and provide person-centered supports to help drive meaningful change in their communities.

Explore our Prince George jobs to find a role that fits your career goals and professional experience!



Connective is an Equal Opportunity Workplace

To build a strong and representative workforce, we strongly encourage applications from BIPOC, LGBTQ2S+ people, immigrants, and people with disabilities or other marginalized communities.

"The most rewarding part of the job is feeling like your work is making a positive impact on those you support."

– Barry, Connective Outreach Worker

"Connective has supported me in so many ways, from hands-on training to a team culture that genuinely values learning and collaboration. I've built new skills through workshops, case discussions, and ongoing mentorship, which has really helped me grow."

– Onely, Connective Outreach Worker



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DONATION DRIVE

Seeking: Winter Gear

As temperatures drop and snow begins to fall, there are many in the community who lack the winter gear required to keep warm. This can cause severe discomfort and can lead to more serious health problems.

To support individuals accessing our PG programs, we're asking anyone with new or gently used, warm winter gear to consider donating!



We are looking for:



- Base Layers
- Boots
- Fleece Items
- Gloves
- Jackets
- Outer Pants
- Scarves
- Toques
- Warm Socks



Donations can be dropped off at
1550 Victoria St, between 8AM – 4PM

