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# Connecting Youth from Care to Safe, Affordable Rental Housing

**Do You Have a Suite or Room to Rent?** Learn how you can help your community and fill your rental suite

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# **The Friendly Landlord Network** What is it?

The Friendly Landlord Network (FLN) is a Metro Vancouver-wide network of home owners and property managers, who rent suites to youth transitioning out of government care. Friendly Landlords receive *market rent* and *tenancy support* from a network of experienced youth serving organizations.

## This year more than 700 youth in care will turn 19 and "age out" of the government system.

In BC, 80% of parents who have 19-28 yearolds living away from home provide their



children with some form of support. On the contrary, when a child in care turns 19, their government support is cut-off and they are

In BC, 40% of homeless vouth have been in the foster care system at

deemed "aged-out" of the system. Without access to housing these some point in their lives. youth immediately face

homelessness. Be part of the solution and help end youth homelessness by renting to a youth transitioning out of care.

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# Do You Have a Place to Rent?

Join the FLN & Help End Youth Homelessness in Your Community



How it Works: Friendly landlords who join the FLN can post their rental unit on a website that is searchable by youth from care and youth serving organizations. Landlords can also search youth profiles to find a good fit.

During the youth's tenancy, these organizations will provide on-going support to you (the landlord) and the youth. The Networks partner organiza-

tions have a wealth of experience to ensure a positive, supported rental experience for home owners and property managers. They will be right by your side to make it a success!

## **5** Benefits of Renting to a Youth Aging Out of Care



#### **Fill Vacancies Quickly**

Gain first access to a pool of tenants ready to be housed.

#### **Regular Program Check-Ins**

Regular support visits help to ensure the safety of vour suite

#### **Tenancy Support**

Support from trusted youth serving organizations, help you keep long-term tenants

### **Financially Supported Tenants**

Financially supported tenants ensure that you get vour rent on time

### **Help End Youth Homelessness**

Enhance your reputation and better your community by reducing youth homelessness



# **Get Involved**

If you are a property owner or landlord that has a suite to rent and want to make a difference in your community, please contact us to be added to the Friendly Landlord Network. Your help is needed in providing a safe suite to a youth transitioning out of care. Be an agent of change and help us end youth homelessness in Metro Vancouver.

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# **Testimonial**

"I understand the difficulties that youth face trying to secure affordable housing in the lower mainland. Having an opportunity to share my house with youth (*especially youth in care*) means a lot to me. Knowing that I'm contributing to the betterment of my community is also something that I value and see as an important part of being a community member." - **Brian Robertson (Landlord)** 



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