



## HOMEGWARD BOUND PETERBOROUGH

Homeward Bound Peterborough is operated by Peterborough Housing Corporation.

Peterborough Housing Corporation (PHC) is the largest community housing provider in the City and County of Peterborough. We take great pride in serving our community by developing and managing quality, affordable housing in a safe, healthy and secure environment. PHC owns and manages over 1100 units of senior, single, and family units, providing homes to over 4000 residents.

Starting with a vision of bringing this life-changing program to Peterborough in 2004, PHC made a corporate commitment to make the vision a reality in 2018. Our current cohort of eight (8) families are actively undertaking the personal and academic strides necessary to achieve personal and economic independence.

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**Launched by WoodGreen in 2004 and unique in Canada, Homeward Bound is an award-winning comprehensive 4-year program that helps inadequately housed single mothers achieve lasting economic self-sufficiency.**

Homeward Bound opens doors, provides child care, training, education and housing, and creates a pathway to independence and family security.

Homeward Bound provides the following supports and services for its participants:

- 2-Year College Education
- Affordable Furnished Housing
- Goal-Oriented Case Management
- On-site Child Care
- 14 Week Unpaid Internship
- Access to Sustainable Employment opportunities and mentorship through our Industry Council
- Access to Parenting Supports, Individual and Family Counselling

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IN PETERBOROUGH  
CREATE PATHWAYS  
TO INDEPENDENCE**

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## WHO DO WE HELP?

We help single mothers (19+) facing multiple barriers such as unstable housing, a precarious financial situation, and limited or no access to education, childcare, and sustainable employment.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- 19 years or older
- Experiencing the effects of poverty
- Resident of Peterborough City or County
- Canadian citizen, landed immigrant, or convention refugee
- Child(ren) are under 17 years old and at least one child living with the mother
- High school diploma (preferred)
- Capable of reaching college level academics within 6-8 months
- On or eligible for OW, ODSP or EI
- No unresolved OSAP debt
- No current criminal proceedings or substance abuse (minimum 1 year)
- Able to commit to participating in a full-time program

## PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

**The Program has 4 Phases, each of which must be completed before moving to the next phase.**

### Phase 1: Skills Training & Academic Upgrading

Training in life-skills, computer and financial literacy, employability skills, networking opportunities and academic upgrading for college entrance.

### Phase 2: Community College

A 2-year diploma granting program at Fleming College, in a discipline that is geared towards meeting current demand in the labour market. Homeward Bound Peterborough encourages study in skilled-trades and non-traditional occupations for women.

### Phase 3: Employment Skills

A 12-week program to enhance employability through not only hard skills that they need, but soft skills that will allow them to be successful in the workplace.

### Phase 4: Internship, Employment & Exit

14-week unpaid Internship  
Homeward Bound connects women to opportunities for full-time employment and supports them to transition into their new lives.

## KEY SUPPORTS:

**Housing:** Homeward Bound participants live in furnished apartments until they graduate and find permanent employment (to a maximum of 4 years).

**On-site Child Care and Support for Children:** High quality, certified childcare with is offered on-site for young children.

### Case Management:

Each participant receives guidance, counselling, support and will develop regular Action Plans throughout the 4 Phases. Support continues to be available to graduates and their children after the program ends.

**“We are the tangible results of Homeward Bound. Look at me now. I wouldn’t be here without your support.”**

**Pauline B**

2012 Homeward Bound Graduate  
& current Manager at BMO