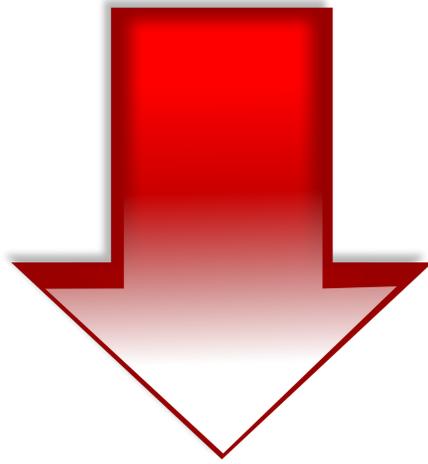




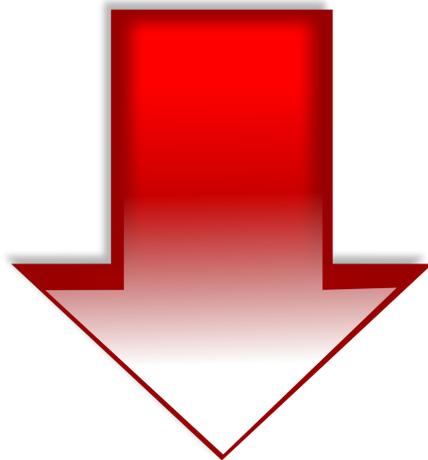
ANNUAL REPORT

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building second chances

146 Individuals started their
recovery journey with
RACS this year.

Together they represent

38.4 years of

NEW RECOVERY

with an average length of stay
of **96 DAYS**



NEW WOMENS TREATMENT CENTER



1839
HOUSE

NOW OPEN



1835 
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 **1839**
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CBC NEWS ARTICLE

Calgary addictions centre buys land to address needs of more female clients.

Standing at the opening of a weathered and greyed picket fence, looking at a boarded up, run-down house, Stian Rorstad remembers the challenges this place used to pose to clients just inches next door less than a year ago.

"The tenants who used to live here would antagonize the clients and call them names, So, in the fall of 2021, RACS bought it when it came up for sale. We could conceivably see a centre with maybe 30 more beds at least, for women, to meet that need," Rorstad said.

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Executive Directors Report

We're in the business of creating second chances.

Many have burned their bridges, exhausted all avenues of support from friends or family, have been separated from children, lost jobs and careers, and finally have even given up all hope for themselves. When there doesn't seem to be an option, when the trust has run out with everyone else, we're here to give another chance.



The chance to show that this time you really mean it, that you can become trusted, that there is purpose in your life, that ultimately recovery is possible. Not only is recovery possible and attainable, it is WORTH it, and so are you.

This is the message that we share with everyone, regardless of who they are, what they do, how far down they've fallen, or how they identify. This is the message that resonates within us all at RACS, and it is why we've once again expanded our services to meet the rights of those seeking long-term recovery.

On January 1, 2022 we opened 1839 House, taking the proven residential treatment model in place at 1835, and making it available to individuals who identify as women. We made modifications to the 1839 facility as well as the program to ensure that all the amenities are consistent regardless of how a client identifies themselves. The feedback and response was immediate and strong, with the average wait time for women accessing treatment exceeding 3 months. On our opening day, we had over 50 individuals on the waitlist



RACS Executive Director, Stian Rorstad
Recovery Capital Conference

1835



Mike Ellis

MLA Calgary-West

Stian Rorstad

RACS Executive Director

for treatment. We worked efficiently to intake individuals as quickly as possible, while referring others to programs also capable of addressing their specific needs. We were able to reduce the expected wait time to less than 10 days, which is amazing in itself, but we also showed others in the industry that RACS is a leader in the recovery community, and that we will do all we can to fulfill our mission and vision.

We've accomplished a lot this year including finalization of new funding and forming new collaboration agreements with other agencies in the community, but there is much more

work for us ahead. We envision an entire recovery community centered around our proven treatment model, with even further expanded family and outreach programs. In the fall of 2021 our neighboring property at 1829 was listed for sale, and thus we were presented with the possibility of further expansion without the need to relocate our services. One of our greatest advantages is our location. We are in the middle of a beautiful residential revitalization effort, while remaining close to downtown and surrounding amenities. Families with young children and pets are creating a safe environment for our clients to recover and feel welcomed. Transportation, medical resources, and shopping are close and convenient. If we were to try and relocate our services, we would likely be forced to settle in a commercial or light industrial area far away from everything we enjoy now. Our decision to purchase 1829 was made unanimously. We have formed a committee that, in the near future, will put forth a plan to develop this property and turn our vision into reality, further cementing RACS as a leader in the recovery community.

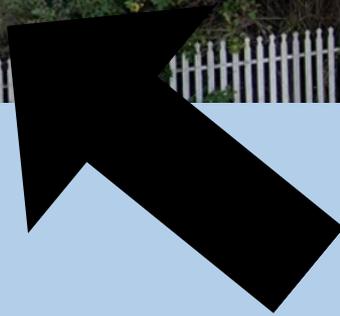
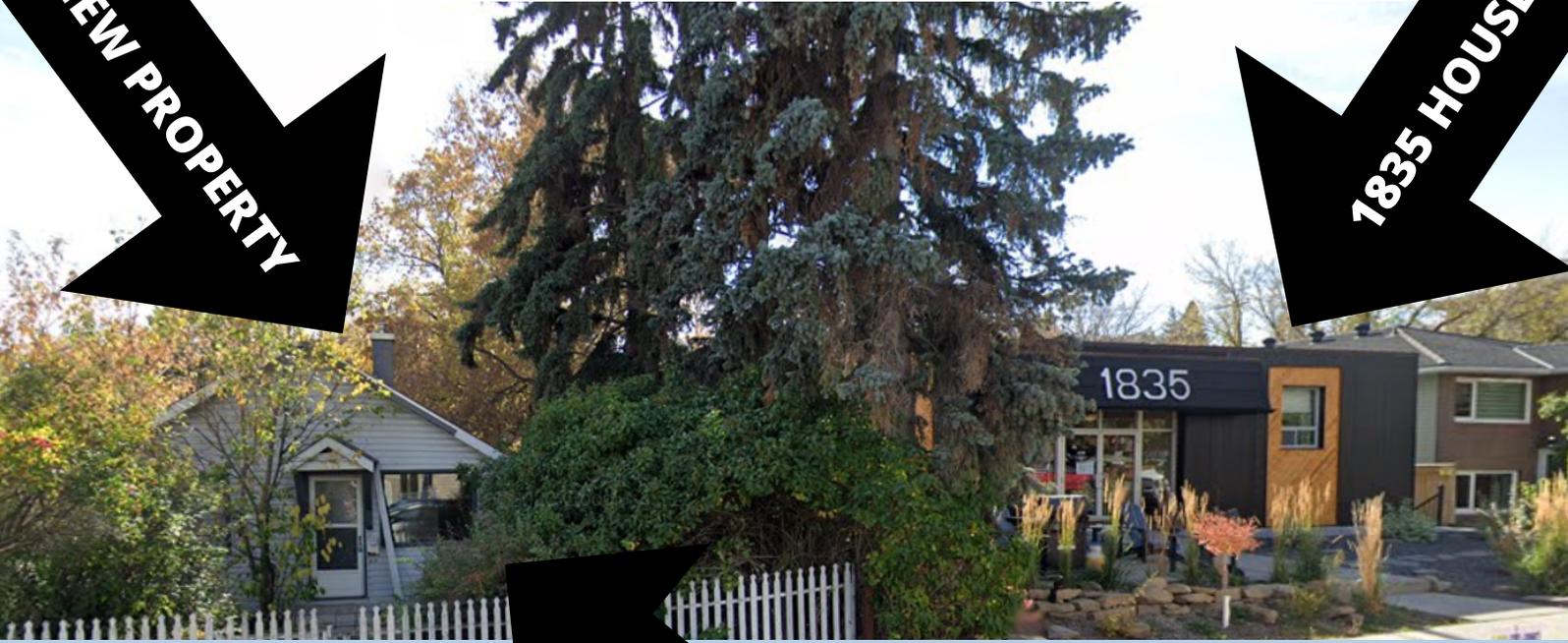
RACS will not stop its pursuit of giving second chances as we strive for our vision, that “Long-term recovery is available for all who live with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health concerns.”

With Gratitude,
Stian Rorstad
RACS Executive Director

Newly Acquired Property

NEW PROPERTY

1835 HOUSE



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NEW LOGO

NEW LOOK



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1835
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Newsletter
Highlights

**Changing our Outlook
While Retaining What Matters**

We are ever evolving to meet new challenges, but will never forget where we came from. This holds true for us not only as individuals, but as an organization as well. 1835's history and mission will always be RACS' guiding principle when navigating significant change. We have meaningful visions for our future, and we welcome you to be part our change.

Stian Rorstad, Executive Director

*"SOME PEOPLE DON'T LIKE CHANGE,
BUT YOU NEED TO EMBRACE CHANGE
IF THE ALTERNATIVE IS DISASTER"
ELON MUSK*

RACS KEEPS MOVING FORWARD

Things are slowly getting back to "normal" around the facility. The women's residential program, 1839 House, opened its doors on January 1, 2022. In addition, the 1835 and 1839 Houses have opened their doors to 6:15, alumni, and speaker meetings. Please see the COVID update on our website for the most up to date information.

WOMENS INPATIENT
PROGRAM LAUNCH

CBC NEWS STORY

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**"THE SPOTLIGHT" is evolving
and so is our organization**

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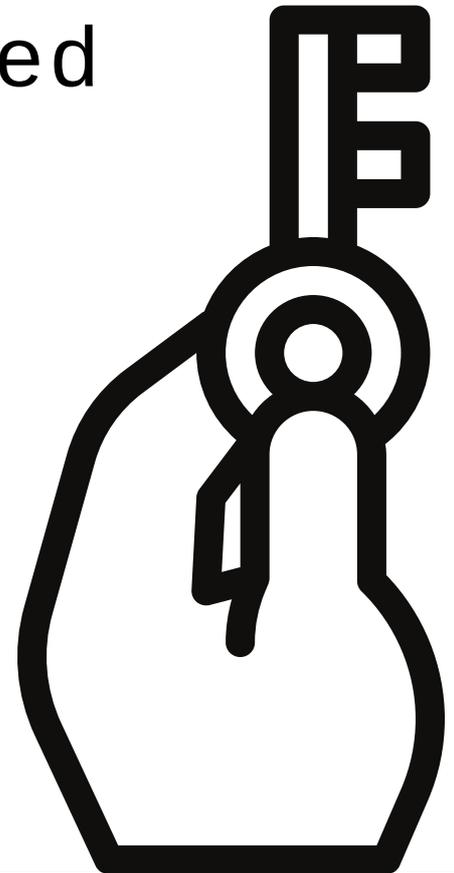


www.recoveryacres.org/the-fix

It's never too late to give someone
a
second chance(s)

Over 80% of our clients upon admission were experiencing various degrees of homelessness and / or were unemployed

Upon completion of phase II at RACS
0% are homeless



Board Of Directors Report

As the Covid19 challenges continued well into our 2021/2022 year the resilience and perseverance of the entire organization dealt with all the challenges presented. Operations continued successfully under the AHS guidelines for clients and staff alike. We did experience some illnesses during the fifth wave even with the reduced client intake for our men's and women's programs. The situation was managed very well with minimal service disruptions. The return of the Recovery Acres Golf Tournament in 2021 was a welcome boost to our spirits.

The board activities were focused on the strategic planning, financial priorities and establishing a women's residential program. Strategic planning sessions were completed in the summer of 2021.



GOLF WITH RACS

As you may already know, this year's golf tournament will be held August 15 at Elbow Springs Golf Club, just west of the city. Sign in will start at 10am, and the driving range will be open, chipping & putting contests available until lunch. Format will be a shotgun start at 1pm, with dinner scheduled for 6pm. Yes, we are reinstating the banquet this year!

For full details on the golf tournament, silent auction, or how to sponsor the tournament visit www.recoveryacres.org/golf

The enthusiastic participation of the board members, staff and alumni along with our facilitator built great momentum for wrapping up the process.

Following closely on the heels of the strategic plan came the opportunity to purchase the property next door to 1835 House. This presented a wonderful opportunity to expand our future residential capacity plans. The sale was completed in September 2021. The Care for Women program was closed in the fall of 2021 and replaced with the 1839 House women's residential treatment program in January 2022.

We have the continued support of board members James Catherwood, Peter Conroy, Kirk Weich, Brad Wlasichuk and Tony Bell. We would also like to acknowledge the past dedication and financial expertise of Rich Willis. We welcomed aboard new members Kevin Verhulst, Beverley Forbes, Kellie D'Hondt and Sherrie Fowler. We are fortunate to have such a talented, experienced and enthusiastic group to guide RACS.

As we look forward to further easing of Covid19 restrictions it will be great to participate in sobriety birthday celebrations, alumni activities and the golf tournament and the like in 2022.

Sincerely,
Rick Baker, Board Chair



GRATITUDE FOR RICK BAKER



Since 2001 Rick Baker has been generous in volunteering his time with RACS. He played an active role as an alumni over the years, spending months of his time contributing to acquire certification through Accreditation Canada. He eventually joined the RACS Board of Directors. Rick, your generous support over the years hasn't gone unnoticed. You are an inspiring leader, lighting the way for RACS, the staff, and volunteers alike.

Thank you for your commitment to our Board of Directors. You will be missed but not forgotten. We all wish you the best of health and happiness in your future endeavors.

On behalf of RACS thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Peter Conroy