

Na-Me-Res

A Brief History

- 1980 • Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) expressed concern with regard to the number of Aboriginal men (in Toronto) who were without a place to live
 - ONWA commissioned a study which indicated 66 per cent of Aboriginal men surveyed were without a permanent address. The need for an 'emergency' shelter was identified
- 1983 • Board of Directors formally established and incorporated as non profit charitable organization
- 1985 • Opened 26 bed shelter for Aboriginal men 'without a place to live'
- 1989 • Became member of the United Way of Greater Toronto
- 1995 • Street Outreach Services began with the introduction of Street Help, a harm reduction service for people living outdoors
- 2001 • Street Outreach Service expanded to include Gimme Shelter , a case management service for people living outdoors
- 2002 • Opened Tumivut Youth Shelter
 - Street Outreach Service expanded to include Shelter Access, a shelter-to-shelter and transportation service to shelter for people living outdoors
- 2003 • Increased capacity of Native Men's Shelter from 26 to 63 beds
- 2004 • Outreach Service expanded to include Mobile Housing, a housing service for people living outdoors
- 2005 • After Care a service which assists those now housed and previously living on the street to maintain their housing was implemented
- 2007 • Introduced Oshkabaywis Service to provide client access to traditional healers and Elders and other traditional services and programs
- 2007 • Introduced Credit Program which provides clients with a work placement for which they earn credits they expend on items or services which assists them stabilize their housing situation
- 2008 • Implemented Special Needs, a specialized response for clients with severe mental health and addiction conditions
- 2008 • Plan to convert Tumivut youth shelter into a *transitional* service for Aboriginal men and male youth implement. Programs will focus on assisting participants develop the resources required to succeed in the broader urban environment.
- 2009 • Named Sagatay, the new transitional service opens and welcomes its first residents.
- 2009 • Began delivery of Apaenmowinneen, a core training program for residents of Sagatay.

