

50 South Fraser women volunteer with Options Community Services to raise money for affordable housing

February 16, 2021-- For 50 years, Options Community Services has worked as a registered charity to provide essential social services in Surrey, Delta, White Rock/South Surrey and Langley. For its 50th Anniversary, Options has united 50 influential South Fraser women to help raise 1.5 million dollars in support of a new affordable housing build in Surrey, BC. Located south of the Fraser River, Options jumped at this opportunity to give back to the community it has proudly served for the past five decades.

On February 17th, Options Community Services launches its first capital fundraising campaign to raise \$1.5 million for affordable housing units. The 50 participating women have offered to help by joining the campaign to raise \$25,000 each in support of this project. Options board members and staff have also contributed to the cause and the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Society has contributed \$250,000.

The \$1.5 million raised through Options will go towards a 100-unit complex at 8135, 8123, and 8109 King George Boulevard. Of these 100 units, 30 will be market rentals, while the remaining 70 will be well below market rates —designated as affordable housing, with rent starting as low as \$375 per month.

"We need to have housing options that are available to all income segments to live, learn, work, and play in our own city." - Anita Huberman, Surrey Board of Trade CEO and one of the 50 Women.

The new build will also host community services such as Early Years, mental health outreach, and family services. With occupancy slated for mid-2023, this project expands Options' capacity to provide community support and to add affordable housing to the City of Surrey.

A list of all 50 participants can be found on the womenofoptions.ca website. Community support is still needed to turn this campaign into a reality. To learn more about ways to help or donate, please visit **womenofoptions.ca**.

Media and press are invited to join us for the virtual launch event tomorrow, February 17th, 10am PST. Please contact **danielle@anchormarketing.ca** to be added to the mailing list for the event zoom link on February 17th.

[Options Community Services](http://OptionsCommunityServices.ca) is a registered charity with over 500 staff providing a multitude of essential social services in Surrey, Delta, White Rock/South Surrey, and Langley. The organization collaborates with individuals, businesses, community organizations, groups, and all levels of government to create effective, focused, and responsive resources. Options Community Services is governed by a volunteer board of directors and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

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