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Pathways Clubhouse Earns Awards for Impact, Announces New Housing Project in Richmond
Richmond-based non-profit recognized among top charities of 2025



Vancouver, BC (November 12, 2025): [Pathways Clubhouse](#), a Richmond-based non-profit supporting mental health recovery, is celebrating a milestone year of national recognition and local impact. Named among Canada's top impact charities of 2025 by Charity Intelligence Canada, the organization is also preparing to open an 80-unit affordable housing development in early 2026. Together, these achievements elevate Pathways' mission to empower individuals living with mental illness through inclusive, recovery-focused programs that prioritize housing, employment, education, and social connection.

Pathways earned top honours for its exceptional social return on investment, securing a spot on Charity Intelligence's [Top 5 Vancouver Impact Charities](#) and its nationally focused [Top 5 Homeless-Serving Charities](#). These rankings are based on the organization's proven ability to generate high-impact outcomes for every dollar donated.

At the core of Pathways' success is the Clubhouse Model, accredited by Clubhouse International – a person-centred framework that helps people rebuild their lives by focusing on their strengths rather than their diagnosis. Since 1984, Pathways has helped members regain independence, find meaningful work, access education, and build supportive relationships within the community.

Local Impact at a Glance:

- **108 Richmond residents** receive comprehensive support through the Supported Housing Program, including financial assistance, mental health services, and community integration.
- **Alexandra Court:** 24-unit townhouse complex provides safe housing and one-on-one staff support.
- **15,000+ meals served in 2025**, offering nutritious lunches to members and guests at just \$2 per meal.
- **Transitional Employment Program: 2,756 hours of work** completed in 2024 through partnerships with six local businesses, earning members \$46,163 in wages. Currently, 60+ members are employed through various employment programs.
- Presentations delivered to **every high school in Richmond** by youth and young adult program.

- **90 people per month** attend the dedicated Chinese Support Program.
- Operates **365 days a year**.

Coming Soon: Rio Vista Housing Development

Opening in early 2026, Rio Vista will offer 80 affordable rental homes – ranging from studio to three-bedroom units – with select units designed for accessibility. Developed in partnership with the City of Richmond and BC Housing, the project will significantly expand local access to supportive housing, advancing Pathways' commitment to long-term mental health recovery and housing stability.

"Our team and members have worked tirelessly to turn recovery into opportunity," said Dave MacDonald, CEO, Pathways Clubhouse. "This recognition affirms our impact – but true success is measured by the lives we change. Through stable employment and income, our programs help people move beyond homelessness. At the same time, we expand access to subsidized housing, helping to provide the stability, security, and safe shelter everyone deserves."

"This recognition is a testament to our organization-wide commitment – board, leadership, and staff – to operate with transparency, uphold the highest standards of excellence, and manage our resources responsibly," said Patti Martin, Board President. "Together, we are dedicated to breaking down the stigma surrounding mental illness, and building a future where every person has access to the support and housing they deserve."

To learn more about Pathways Clubhouse, visit www.pathwaysclubhouse.com.

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About Pathways Clubhouse

Pathways Clubhouse is a non-profit organization that supports individuals living with mental illness in their journey toward recovery, stability, and inclusion. With a focus on breaking down stigma and addressing the root causes of homelessness, Pathways offers a safe, welcoming environment where members can access stable housing, find meaningful employment, pursue education, and form lasting relationships. Accredited by Clubhouse International, Pathways empowers people to reclaim their lives and thrive as active, respected members of the community. www.pathwaysclubhouse.com

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