

Dismantling Poverty in Saint John

Greater Saint John has the highest rate of single-parent poverty in Canada, and a full 25% of its low-income residents live in high poverty neighbourhoods, where the housing stock is poor and the economic opportunities limited. Vibrant Communities Saint John's (VCSJ) theory of change, therefore, focuses on creating impact at the neighbourhood level, tackling the interlocking issues keeping single parents and other residents in poverty.

VCSJ's long-term goal is to bring the city's poverty rate in line with the national average. The shorter-term objective is to assist 800 households in their journeys out of poverty by 2008. VCSJ focuses on creating safe and affordable housing, investing in children and youth, and improving access to education and employment.

Initiatives in progress include establishing an early learning and family centre in an inner-city neighbourhood, establishing a community-based education and job placement program, and developing a campaign to combat energy poverty in low-income neighbourhoods.



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