

REACHING HOME - Rural and Remote (Ontario Region)

Regional Advisory Board (RAB)

Call for Volunteers (2021) – June 2021

Reaching Home is a unique community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness. Since its inception, Reaching Home has been encouraging communities to adopt a more fulsome approach to homelessness and has supported them in shifting away from emergency responses and focusing instead on longer-term solutions. [About Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy - Canada.ca](#)

Mission: The **Regional Advisory Board (RAB)** serves as an advisory committee to understand, plan and co-ordinate activities that raise awareness of the complex issues surrounding homelessness in rural and remote areas of Ontario. Members are expected to have in-depth knowledge of key sectors and systems that affect homelessness priorities.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- **Regional Advisory Board (RAB):**
 - Assess and recommend projects for funding to United Way Simcoe Muskoka (UWSM) who serves as the **Community Entity (CE)**.
 - Identify and engage with stakeholders in the community and build strong connections to other homelessness related programs and strategies.
 - Raise awareness and/or educate the public about rural and remote homelessness.
 - Support the CE in the governance, planning and implementation of Reaching Home.
 - Actively participate in quarterly meetings (in person, conference call, virtual).
 - Develop RAB Terms of Reference and other related policies and procedures, for example: membership application, roles and responsibilities of the chair, chair selection procedures, mandate or mission statements, and conflict of interest guidelines.
 - Recommend any specific review criteria over and above the RH assessment criteria.

Who Should Apply?

Interested applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Represent one of the following subgroups: *Academic & Research, Accessibility (Physical, Developmental), Cultural (Indigenous, Francophone, Newcomers, Minority Language Communities), Health, Homelessness Sector, Housing Sector, Legal/Corrections, Mental Health & Addictions, Northern and Rural Community in Ontario, Populations who are Homeless or At-Risk, Public Sector, Private Sector, Not-for-Profit Organization, Seniors and Youth*
- Have experience in reviewing and assessing funding applications
- Be available to participate in quarterly meetings and to assess applications on own time

Interested applicants are encouraged to send their resume and complete volunteer form (p. 2) to:

Rosslyn Junke, Director, Community Impact – Federal Initiatives at

ReachingHome@UWSimcoeMuskoka.ca

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name: _____ **Position:** _____

Organization: _____ **Email:** _____

I represent the following Sub-Group(s). Please check all boxes that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic & Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility (Physical, Developmental) | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern + Rural Community in Ontario |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural (Indigenous, Francophone, Newcomers, Minority Language Communities) | <input type="checkbox"/> Populations who are Homeless or At-Risk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal/Corrections | <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-Profit Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health & Addictions | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |

My organization has received **Homelessness Partnering Strategy** funding previously (Yes/No): _____

My organization **currently** receives **Reaching Home** funding (Yes/No): _____

In 250 words or less, please explain why you would like to join the RAB. Please include the expertise, skills and/or networks that you could offer the committee.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Rosslyn Junke | Director, Community Impact – Federal Initiatives

United Way Simcoe Muskoka (Community Entity)

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