

NEWS RELEASE TO ALL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN CHILLIWACK

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Ruth & Naomi's Mission has shifted its overnight Emergency Shelter and has expanded its focus with the creation of a hybrid 30-day shelter for men and women who are homeless. This is a 30-day introductory transitional housing unit for up to 12 men and 4 women. As a result of this transition, there is no longer a 'drop-in' overnight emergency shelter provided at Ruth & Naomi's apart from the Extreme Weather Shelter which is available between November 1 and March 31 each winter.

The new 30-day program will support each resident with the development of a Personal Service Plan that will assist them with either reentry to the community through finding accessible housing or entry into the longer-term residential recovery program offered by the mission.

The case management approach to supporting clients will connect them with access to income assistance (Ministry of Social Development/Innovation), review assessment of housing options, assess employment or educational goals, provide assistance with access to medical or mental health services, addiction support or other personal matters.

Clients are self-referred by connecting with a member of our Intake & Assessment Team. Applicants may drop-in at Ruth & Naomi's Mission – 46130 Margaret Avenue, Chilliwack BC between **10:30am to noon Monday through Friday**. Appointments can also be scheduled at other times by calling the **Intake Office at 604.795.2322 extension 304**.

Information is also available on the website at www.ranmission.ca Go to the **Programs** tab. Then go to the **Residential Services** drop-down and three documents are located there which includes Services & Program Description, Residential Guidelines & Expectations, and an Intake & Application Form.

Partnering with you for a healthier community,

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