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MAN #1

Involved in sexual abuse as a child. And lead to some post traumatic stress disorders throughout my life. Stuff that I didn't really deal with until later in my years. And uh saw myself broken and ended up in hospital and ah was released...

WOMAN #2

0:16

The first time I went to a shelter that was because I— I was trying to escape from the abuse.

MAN #2

Right now to rent, like you need to be in almost have a debt, to be able to rent.

WOMAN #1

0:30

Housing is the first line of defence against this pandemic.

MAN #1

When I was released I was just told to you know uh go find somewhere to stay. And I said I had no where to go...

WOMAN #2

0:45

I walk into the room and uh I say that's the first time I saw needles. Because they were just on the bed. And there were sheets with blood all over them. And the needle's laying on the bed.

MAN #1

1:00

Lost everything and homeless living in my car and stuff and ah....

WOMAN #2

I left the next morning because they were trying to make arrangements because all the shelters in Kitchener were full.

MAN #2

It's easier to get a house than an apartment right now based on, based on your credit.

1:15 And...that's scary.

WOMAN #2

You know when I got out of jail I had twenty dollars to my name.

WOMAN #1

1:30 Emergency settlements are needed for sanitary homes for those who do not have the option to self isolate.

MAN #2

Now we have Covid. I kind of like I can't get it back in a lot of things in life because of a lot of policies and restrictions, I can get it back, waiting to get it back (ironic chuckle)

WOMAN #2

1:45 So many women have seen abuse in so many ways. So she understood the cycle and she understood what I would be going through. And so her and her mom spent the next couple of days driving me around. I went to Lutherwood. I went to the Region. I went to all the places you are suppose to go. And then It's like... Nope.

MAN #1

2:00 I had to start fresh. And for someone to start fresh when you're dealing with depression, anxiety, any type of mental illness or addiction

WOMAND #2

2:15 No we have nothing. No it's a wait. No you need this. You need ID. I left with nothing. Do you understand I escaped. And I walked out with nothing.

MAN #2

I was a working guy. You know I had my own business. I'm still that guy, Its taking a new perspective on trying to get nested I guess ah...

WOMAN. #2

2:30 Listen to people with lived experience. Listen to people who have been in the system.

MAN # 1

The only thing most people can afford 400 dollars a month in a rooming house. Living with 5 other people

WOMAN #1

If people are unknowingly sick the worst thing to do is uproot them and transplant them  
2:45 into a new community.

MAN #1

Financially, most people are on OW or ODSP until they start working, you know a one  
3:00 bedroom apartment is out of their prices range for sure. Like, like its either I live and don't eat. Eat and live on the street

WOMAN #1

Shelter and emergency housing is of paramount importance in the times of a pandemic

MAN #1

I would like to see more transitional housing right. More outside the box way of giving  
3:15 people a place to stay with dignity until they can get back on their feet.

WOMAN #2

And I'm living off the charity of other people, that are not exposed to this world, so I go  
3:30 back.

MAN #2

Somebody.... who has no debt is not able to get a place someone who is carrying debt is able to get a place. I find that's kind of backwards.

WOMAN #2

3:45 Becoming homeless in those ways and coming up against those systems and cycles show to me we have no control.

MAN #2

I think for anybody right now the big thing is to put a stop to a rent increase that's going around right now. I've seen the same building advertised on a few sites, one  
4:00 apartment's twelve hundred dollars the other apartment's sixteen hundred dollars both

one bedroom, both same footage, both same layout on a different floor ones just had  
4:15 way more Tennant turn over. The minimum rent or the maximum rent they are paying  
through housing assistance and shelter allowance through Ontario Works is just do Its  
so twenty years ago. The people that are getting the help really aren't getting the help.  
4:30 They're just getting the shovel in their hand to dig their own grave you know.