

# COMMUNITY PARTNER AGREEMENT 2017-2018



Community Partners are the foundation of the Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness (TAEH). They are groups, businesses or organizations that, together, with Individual Supporters, make up the eco-system of TAEH's collective impact initiative to end homelessness in Toronto.

In addition, the TAEH Steering Committee and its constellation of Working Groups are rooted in Community Partners. CPs are thus central to implementing TAEH strategies. The TAEH's integrity and authority is grounded in these partners, and the TAEH Steering Committee is ultimately accountable to the community.

Community Partners have access to a variety of opportunities to learn about and engage in the TAEH goal to end chronic and episodic homelessness in Toronto and in its strategies and activities.

## TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

Community Partners is the category of supporters of the TAEH collective impact initiative for organizations. Individuals are referred to the "Individual Supporter" category.

In order to become and remain a Community Partner, organizations must sign a Partnership Agreement on an annual basis that lays out the following commitments and benefits:

## COMMITMENTS

1. To uphold the vision, mission and beliefs of the TAEH as laid out in the founding Charter.
2. To participate in and uphold TAEH common agenda as laid out in our Theory of Change.
3. To secure Board of Director's (or analogous leadership table) approval of TAEH's common agenda and to explore participation in shared measurement plan once defined.
4. To participate in TAEH meetings, events and campaign activities on a regular basis.
5. To work respectfully and collaboratively with fellow TAEH partners.
6. To commit to the principles of collective impact and work to align organizational strategic goals to the TAEH common agenda.

## BENEFITS

1. Contributing to ending homelessness in Toronto.
2. Staff and designates from Community Partners can chair Working Groups.
3. Enhanced profile with all orders of government and City-wide stakeholders with listing as a Community Partner on TAEH website and promotional material.
4. Ability to share information as part of a Community Partner Room on TAEH website.

5. Linking of websites with TAEH (if desired).
6. Staff and designates from Community Partner access to exclusive speakers, training at TAEH Days (2 times/year).
7. Staff and designates from Community Partner free access to TAEH newsletters, reports, publications etc.
8. A community partner certificate.

## COMMUNITY PARTNER - SIGNED AGREEMENT

By signing this agreement \_\_\_\_\_ confirms its commitment to the TAEH as a *Community Partner* and agrees with the following:

- To actively support the TAEH goal to end chronic and episodic homelessness in Toronto and its Theory of Change (*see attached Board of Directors' Resolution from <enter date here>*)
- To participate in TAEH's collective impact initiative by sharing its common agenda and shared measurement strategy as is reasonable for our organization.
- To ensure that elements of the strategic goals of \_\_\_\_\_ align, over time, with the TAEH's Theory of Change.
- To uphold the Terms of Engagement for Community Partners as outlined above.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ <name and title of Board Chair>

\_\_\_\_\_ <name and title of senior staff person>

By signing this agreement the TAEH Steering Committee confirms that it will uphold the Terms of Engagement for *Community Partners* as outlined above as well as support \_\_\_\_\_ to the best of its ability to be a successful *Community Partner*.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_, TAEH Co-Chair