



Exhibition Place assists Homeless with Emergency Winter Respite Service

For immediate release

Toronto, ON – December 21, 2017. Following Toronto City Council's call to action to provide emergency winter respite services for Toronto's homeless; Exhibition Place, together with our clients, will provide access to a portion of the Better Living Centre to create a temporary Emergency Winter Respite Service.

This temporary Emergency Winter Respite Service, operated by Fred Victor, will provide approximately 80 to 100 spaces to support local community needs from December 21 to February 26; and from March 5 to April 15, 2018. The service will be located in the southeast pod of the Better Living Centre and be separated by a demising wall from the rest of the exhibition hall for the safety and security of all occupants and attendees to the building.

"Exhibition Place is owned by the City of Toronto and is known as the centre for Meetings, Conventions, Exhibitions, and Sporting Events. We are Toronto's gathering place for the community and business alike. Offering our assistance to provide this Emergency Winter Respite Service for the homeless reflects our historic and ongoing commitment to the local community" said Councillor Mark Grimes, Chair of the Board of Exhibition Place. "I would like to thank our clients who came to the table to assist where they could, by providing a portion of their licensed exhibition space to assist the City of Toronto in accommodating emergency respite services to the City's most vulnerable homeless."

The Better Living Centre will continue to be used for our annual exhibition and events clients for shows such as The Toronto International Bicycle Show, Wizard World, The Artist Project and the Canadian National Exhibition.

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About Exhibition Place

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