“Being let out with no money, nowhere to go, no support — it means we usually have to resort back to stealing in order to get by,” he said. “There has to be something done with the system, and there needs to be help for people like me who find themselves at a loss when they get out of jail.”

Ed Belec, Citizen of Greater Sudbury
On October 28, 2019 the Sudbury Water Tower was renamed –

The **Sudbury Peace Tower** in memory of the late Pastor Jeremy Mahood.
Jeremy and Eileen Mahood established the **I Believe Network (IBN)** which operated First Steps for several years that provided social supports to those in need. The purpose of the IBN is to continue to do social good in the community.

Eileen is the Vice Chairperson for the All Nations Family Housing Corporation known as the Landmark. This 64-unit building has 32 seniors and 32 families providing 52 rent geared to income and 12 market rent units.

The **I Believe Network** will act as the facilitator with its partners to establish a non-profit charity that will provide oversight and governance to develop the operational model.
Report Card on Homelessness for 2018

The first Report Card on Homelessness was developed for 2008.

What has changed in homelessness from 2008 to 2018?

- 866 in 2008, 831 in 2018
- People who stayed in one of the year-round emergency shelters

- 30% in 2008, 10% in 2018
- Average market rent (one bedroom)

- $651 in 2008, $848 in 2018

- 190 in 2008, 126 in 2018
- Children under the age of 16 who stayed in an emergency shelter

- $356 in 2008, $390 in 2018
- Maximum shelter allowance for one person on Ontario Works

- 1% in 2008, 2.6% in 2018
- People on the social housing waiting list

- 1121 in 2008, 1047 in 2018
- People on the social housing waiting list

- 8% in 2008, 19% in 2018
- Homelessness rate

Ten Year Challenge

1,599 households

- 62% in 2008, 38% in 2018
- People supported through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)

- 52% in 2008, 48% in 2018
- Fund with rental arrears, utility arrears, bail bonds and deposits and utility deposits

Ensure emergency accommodation is available when needed, but focus on transitioning to permanent housing

- 831 people used one of the year-round emergency shelter programs in 2018
- 126 people were children under the age of 16
- 261 + 94 women and children

There is a need to improve housing access and affordability for low income households

- 3,832 households needed subsidized accommodations through City of Greater Sudbury Housing Services
- 1,047 applicants on the rent-geared-to-income wait list as of December 31, 2018

There is a need for additional supportive services coupled with permanent housing (both supportive housing and supports in private homes)

- 69 people who had experienced chronic homelessness were supported to stay housed through the Housing First Program
- 195 people were supported to stay housed by Micah Recovery Services through supportive housing programs
- 240 people were supported to stay housed by the Ontario Mental Health Association through supportive or transitional housing, rent supplements and transitional community support

Address the needs of the most vulnerable populations of homeless

- 426 people entered homelessness from November 2017 to April 2018
- 51 people on average were contacted each month

Coming Soon...

- Complete renovation of 200 Larch Street, which will include
  - 16 bed residential treatment facility
  - 16 bed residential treatment facility
  - Off-site on-site

- Construction of a 28-unit affordable housing apartment building through Provincial Home For Good funding

- Development of a Co-ordinated Access System
  - Connecting with housing and support services
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  - Forcancer

- New five-year homelessness funding under the Federal Reaching Home Program

- $100,000 in 2008, $150,000 in 2018
- People supported through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)
Building the collaborative.

- I Believe Network / SW Sudbury Water Tower Ltd.
- Collège Boréal
- Habitat for Humanity
- CMHA
- CMHC
- SACY
- KPMG
- Elgin Street Mission
- Samaritan Centre
- Blue Door Soup Kitchen
- Centerline Architecture
- Futurescape Landscaping
- City of Greater Sudbury
- SW Sports & Entertainment
- St. Joseph’s Health Centre of Sudbury
- Sudbury Multicultural & Folk Art Association
- Kina Gbezhgomi Child & Family Services
- Sheguiandah First Nation
- M’Chigeeng First Nation
- Sheshegwaning First Nation
- Zhiibaahaasing First Nation
- Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
- Whitefish River First Nation
- Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Criteria.

This project will have a direct focus that will align with the Home for Good (HFG) criteria to address the following:

- Chronic homelessness
- Young Adult Homelessness
- Accessibility Needs
- Homelessness following a transition from provincially funded institutions and service systems (e.g. prisons and hospitals)

All of the above may include:
Seniors, Young Families, Couples, Singles, and Young Adults
Sudbury Peace Tower Housing Project.

- New construction project to build 38+ permanent housing units (RGI)
- Project will be developed on 4 acres of land donated by SW Water Tower Ltd.
- It will include community space for the entire neighbourhood and offer other essential services and programs.
- Green Space, Community Gardens, Playground
- Other unique outdoor recreational offerings
- The I Believe Network will act as the facilitator with its partners to establish a non-profit charity that will provide oversight and governance to develop the operational model.
- This space will be part of the dedication to the memory of Jeremy Mahood’s legacy.
Funding Eligibility.

- New Construction project to build 38 permanent units
- 5.7 million Home For Good (HFG) provincial funding
- It will be the responsibility of the proponents to secure financing for the entire cost of the project until completed and occupancy has been granted
- The provincial funding (5.7 million) will be advanced only upon project completion and occupancy, amortized over a 20 year term
- Project aligns with CMHC National Housing Co-Investment Fund
System-Level Outcomes.

- Increased sense of inclusion and community connection
- Improved physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- Reduced pressure on institutions and service systems
- Improved access to other supports to meet individual needs
- Treat people with dignity and respect
- This project will add to the much needed affordable housing shortfall of over 2,000 units