

Clip 2-3 Transcript

Yvonne: If something happened to my mom. I'm out. I'm out on the street. No place to live or anything, because, if you look at the housing costs, right now, my mom's paid most of the rent, but I'm mostly paying what I can to her. Add in my ODSP cheque plus whatever I'm getting paid. So with that, if something ever happened to my mom, like I'm, where do I go? The housing prices here in London. You're looking just for a 1 bedroom. You're looking at \$2,000 or even more than that. And you have, you're ODSP is like, maximum maybe, \$1169 or maybe \$1500. And your rent price is like \$2,000. You can't afford it. You gotta choose between food or rent. And right now I've called, I've enquired with the region or I mean the city of London on the housing wait list. You're looking at 10 to 15 years. By then, I'll be like ready for the senior's home. So, it's very depressing. I've already been on the street before. I have when a years ago where an organization all they cared about the stupid damn building. I'm sorry for saying, but that they wanted to sell the house I was renting, paying them the rent and what do I get? Basically, they sell the house and I'm out on the street. Living out of hotel rooms and everything. And it may come down to that again. That I have to do that. And how does how am I going to survive? How am I going to have a place to live? I can't. So, I won't be able to.

Helen: Oh yes, I wanted to tell you about the housing policy that we're working on. So in some cases, across the country, in BC, a sibling is able to be the host in a home share agreement. So in a home share agreement, at least in BC, it's overseen by an agency. And the sibling would be paid to house their brother and sister and also there's oversight. That's not the case in Ontario. Brothers or sisters can't be a host to their sibling with a disability. And so Siblings Canada right now is working on trying to change that. Again, oversight is really important. So it needs to be overseen by an agency. The sibling needs to qualify to be a host. You know, this is not something that's just a random kind of thing. You need to qualify. You need to have oversight to be able to provide your brother and sister with a housing option. So we're working on that right now. And again, this is another thing that we would never have been able to achieve as a grassroots organization, but the Canadian Center for Care Giving Excellence actually has a policy person. We're about to have 2 actually, so we have a lot of support in being able to move something like this forward. So if it doesn't move forward, I'll be sure to let you know.