

# Resident Stories

Daryl has lived with Calgary Housing for 2 years now. He's an outgoing, friendly man who is passionate about creating connections in his community. His neighbours warmly speak about how Daryl keeps them engaged and connected. He's recently been hired as the Community Navigator for the City of Calgary, and is excited to spend a few hours a week helping build community.



"I was surprised I got the award!" he says. For Daryl building community is a part of making a place home.

Daryl is currently working on applying for a grant from The City of Calgary to build a community garden in the common area. He hopes the garden will brighten up the outdoor common space and encourage his neighbours to spend more time in community and outside. He also hopes to be able to add flowers to the front of the building. As the building is located downtown, it can often feel like there isn't much greenspace.

There's always a new project happening at Daryl's building that he is helping with. He mentions a local church that last minute reached out about bringing in lunch. He quickly threw together some posters that he got up in the hallways, and started texting his neighbours. "I was really impressed by the turn out. It was a good turn out!" he says.



Lala and Hanlon have lived with Calgary Housing since 2023. Lala works as a Customer Service Representative with Air Canada. Her son Hanlon, is homeschooled and wrapping up grade 11. He has a bright future ahead. His mother notes his diverse interests and talents, particularly in cooking and art. She envisions him pursuing culinary school, art school, or even becoming a pilot—a career that comes with both responsibility and lots of growth potential. Despite not having made a firm decision yet, Hanlon shows a natural aptitude for driving and mechanics, thanks in part to his involvement with Big Brothers Big Sisters and the guidance of his "big brother."