

## Mission Statement

MennoHomes' mission is to provide affordable housing to those in need. Our housing projects will be economically and environmentally viable and sustainable and will include support services for our tenants.

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**2016 Annual Report**

## A Bright Future

It is a wonderful sight to see the MennoHomes 25 unit building go up floor-by-floor right beside our good neighbour Woolwich Community Services in Elmira. It is such a testament to the great support from the people of this community. We hear and see the need for affordable, supportive housing and the community is behind us as we build a beautiful building that can house those who are committed to the Elmira area.

The rising costs of housing in the region is a challenge for many who need housing that is affordable. Our task is to respond, with your generous help, to this need. Good housing is determined to be a huge contributor to overall wellbeing. We celebrate that we can offer a small part of changing the landscape in the core of Elmira and help people stay in their own communities contributing to the economic well being of all.

Elmira is not just a Maple Syrup Festival. It is a great place to live and we are happy to be part of this vibrant community. Watch for future developments as we continue to listen and respond to the needs of those in our region who call us to be part of the response to building for families, seniors and those in need of decent, affordable housing.



**Margaret Nally, Chair  
On behalf of the Board**

Let's build together for a bright future for our region.

## Many Hands Make Light Work

It was a phrase I heard often growing up; "Many hands make light work". While the saying sounded old fashioned, I certainly understood the meaning. It was just one way of reminding me that as a community, we needed to work together, and that by doing so not only would we lighten the load for everyone, but we would also be able to accomplish more.

The image on the cover of our report this year is another reminder of that valuable life lesson. Students, teachers, and businesses came together this year to build a shed so that the proceeds of its sale would benefit others in the community who need affordable barrier-free housing. Likewise, a committed group of volunteers has been working hard to help raise the funds necessary for the project in Elmira to move forward. Others from the local community and beyond have made generous financial gifts that will help to lighten the load of future tenants.



Volunteers have given freely and cheerfully of their time and expertise to provide leadership for building committees, fundraising events, and board responsibilities. For a small organization like MennoHomes, we would not be able to accomplish the work we are called to without the "many hands" that make it lighter.

Thank you!

**Dan Driedger,  
Executive Director**

## Tenant Updates

**25**  
New affordable  
barrier-free units  
under construction

**8**  
Families have  
come to Canada  
as refugees

**75**  
Children call  
MennoHomes  
housing their  
home

Number of  
families who  
purchased their  
own home this year!

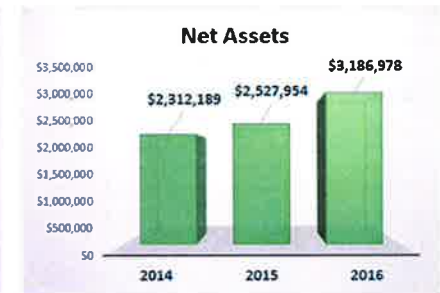
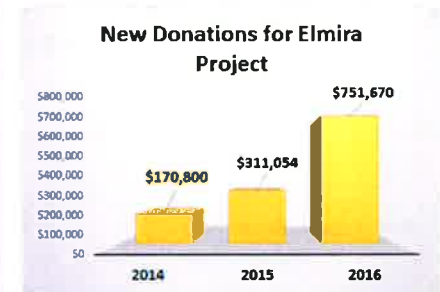
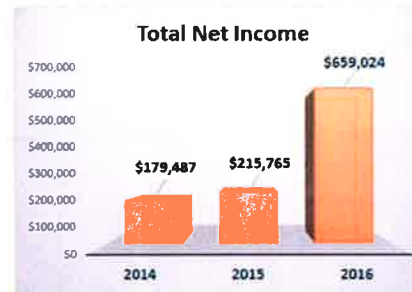
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**20**  
Different countries of  
birth for MennoHomes  
tenants

**42**  
Single  
Senior  
Tenants

**202**  
Households on  
the waiting list  
for Elmira

## Financial Highlights



MennoHomes budgets each of our projects to break-even on a cash-flow basis. After contributions to general operating (10%) and capital reserve funds (4%), rent and other operating income is utilized to pay property expenses such as mortgage, taxes, and maintenance.

\*audited financial statements available on request