

1982

Porter Place begins its work at Yonge Street and William Roe, the only men's emergency hostel in York Region. Porter Place is now currently located at our East Gwillimbury location and still remains the only permanent emergency shelter for men in York Region.



1986

Burns Place opened its doors. Burns Place was a home for young men who were interested in upgrading their employment skills (first Youth Shelter).

“I think a lot of people don't realize the **SIZE of the PROBLEM.**”

- June Rose, Porter Place Fights For Respect, Toronto Star

1988

Agency Name is changed to Men's Support Service of York Region. This name change unified the two programs: Burn's Place and Porter Place.



1994

Growth and expansion warrants a name change to Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region. This name was reflective of the additional services provided to clients.



1995

Leeder Place Family Shelter opened in a farm house at the East Gwillimbury location. This farmhouse was attached to the current Porter Place building. Leeder Place remains the first and only emergency family shelter in York Region.



2000

York Region Youth Shelter opened at their current location on Gorham street, which replaced Burn's Place. The Youth Shelter offers a holistic environment to support clients with various life goals including schooling, employment, family reunification etc.



2008

The Agency makes its final transformation to Blue Door Shelters, operating three, no fee emergency shelters for families, men, and youth. Blue Door Shelters is the largest shelter operator in York Region and supports everybody from newborns to seniors.



2009

Leeder Place moved into a brand new facility with 60 beds, tripling its former capacity to support families between homes in York Region. This growth was critical for many families as Leeder's former building was regularly at maximum capacity.



2016

For more than 30 years, Blue Door Shelters has opened doors to families, youth, women and men without a safe place to stay. We are committed to providing client centered service to individuals between homes. Blue Door Shelters believes everyone deserves a home. We're