





(Pictured) Sections from the mural, *Etle'k*, created by Eltuek studio artists, Channele Julian and Isaac Gould (2022).

Eymu'ti'k Unama'ki, newte'jk l'uiknek te'siki  
Mi'kmawe'l maqamikall mna'q  
iknmuetumittl. Ula maqamikew wiaqi-  
wikasik Wantaqo'tie'l aqq l'lamatultimkewe'l  
Ankukamkewe'l Mi'kmaq aqq Eleke'wuti  
kisa'matultisnik 1726ek.

Ketu'-keknuite'tmek aqq kepmite'tmek ula  
tela'matultimkip wjit maqamikew ta'n etekl  
mtmo'taqne'l. Ula tett, ula maqamikew,  
etllukutiek l'tunen aqq apoqntmnen  
apoqnmasimk aqq weliknamk Unama'ki.

We are in Unama'ki, one of the seven  
traditional and unceded ancestral  
territories of the people of Mi'kma'ki. This  
territory is covered by the Treaties of  
Peace and Friendship which the Mi'kmaq  
first signed with the British Crown in 1726.

We wish to recognize and honour this  
understanding of the lands on which we  
reside. It is from here, on these lands, that  
we work to create and support a culture of  
self-reliance and vibrancy.



New Dawn  
Today  
A SNAPSHOT

1000s

of community members served every day



# What is New Dawn?

- 01** New Dawn Enterprises was founded in 1976 to provide a space for critical conversation and organizing, and platform from which community members could thoughtfully and sustainably respond to community needs.
- 02** New Dawn is the oldest Community Development Corporation in Canada.
- 03** Today, New Dawn employs over one hundred people and comprises seventeen incorporated non-profits and charities that each carry forth its founding spirit and continue to respond to changing community conditions and opportunities.



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100+

employees across our work in housing, healthcare,  
food security, immigration settlement, and the arts



# What is New Dawn?

- 04** New Dawn is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors whose capacities and perspectives reflect the many sectors in which New Dawn works and the ways in which it aspires to be of service.
- 05** In, through, and with all of this, New Dawn works to create a more just, vibrant, and self-reliant Unama'ki, Cape Breton Island.
- 06** To read more about New Dawn's work, please visit our website at [newdawn.ca](http://newdawn.ca), write us a note to [newdawn@newdawn.ca](mailto:newdawn@newdawn.ca), or phone 902-539-9560.

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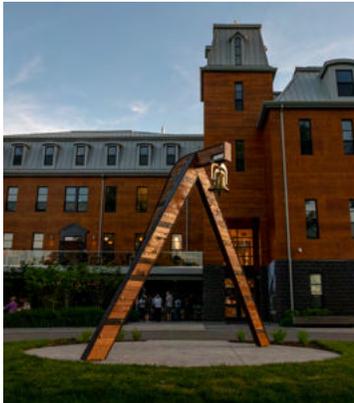
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artists and arts and social impact organizations  
in Eltuek Arts Centre





*Broken Pattern*, Jude Griebel (2022)



*Resonance*, Ursula Johnson (2021)



## êl·du·ehg

Eltuek is a Mi'kmaw word that means  
"We are making (it) together."

The (it) refers to whatever it is (we) decide to make –  
a meal, a conversation, a painting or a poem.  
We do it together.

The name, Eltuek, was shared by the Eltuek Elder  
Advisors, with the intent that Eltuek Arts Centre is  
accessible, inclusive, and continuous.

Eltuek features affordable artist studios, a large Open  
Studio for shared artist workspaces, gallery and  
exhibition space, Cafe Marie Cafe and Meals on Wheels,  
anchor arts organizations, and creative gathering spaces  
for the community.

Eltuek Arts Centre aspires to provide artists and the  
community with an open, vibrant, creative, supportive,  
and experimental space for arts and social change.

To learn more please visit [eltuek.com](http://eltuek.com) or write to us at  
[eltuek@newdawn.ca](mailto:eltuek@newdawn.ca)

CAFE MARIE





Cafe Marie is a cafe and catering social enterprise operated by New Dawn.

Cafe Marie Cafe and Catering menus are created in house with love by our team of culinary artists.

We feature simple dishes that focus on fresh and local goods from Unama'ki, Cape Breton and across Mi'kma'ki.

We serve breakfast, lunch and baked goods, exceptional coffee, cold beverages, and teas.



Located on the second floor of Eltuek Arts Centre, featuring contemporary art in a newly renovated and accessible building in Sydney's north end.

Seasonal patio, curated floral arrangements, and local food served in a casual atmosphere.

There are unique events and happenings regularly at Cafe Marie to celebrate the spirit of art and community.

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Sydney NS  
[hello@cafemarie.ca](mailto:hello@cafemarie.ca)  
[@cafemariecafe](https://www.instagram.com/cafemariecafe)  
(902) 270-2880



A family of four is posed in a construction site. The father, on the right, has a beard and is wearing a dark grey hoodie. The mother, in the back, has her hand on the father's shoulder and is wearing glasses and a blue top. A young boy in the center wears glasses and a grey hoodie. A young girl on the left wears purple glasses and a light purple jacket. The background shows wooden framing and windows.

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600+

newcomers and international students  
supported every year by CBICI



Immigration is vital to Cape Breton. Newcomers and refugees bring new ideas, perspectives, skills, opportunities, and an exciting and more diverse future for our Island. CBICI, Cape Breton Island Centre for Immigration, works to support, connect, advocate for, and otherwise meet the needs of newcomers in service of their successful settlement in Unama'ki, Cape Breton.

Services include assessment, case management, language classes, referrals (health services, education, housing, etc.), orientation to local services (schools, transportation, hospitals, etc.), group information sessions and workshops, employment connections and supports, and community outreach and education.

For more information please visit [cbici.ca](http://cbici.ca), call us at 902-270-5772, or write to us at [cbici@newdawn.ca](mailto:cbici@newdawn.ca)





New Dawn's Community Engagement work supports local people in thinking and acting together to address key challenges facing our community.

Over the last few years, New Dawn has been involved in several initiatives including supporting the work of Community CARES Youth Outreach, the CBRM Transportation Working Group, the Island Food Network, and the creation of an Island Community Data Portal.

These initiatives have allowed us to see that leaders, agents of community change, inspired lives, and new possibilities are all around us every day.

For more information, please visit [newdawn.ca/community-engagement](https://newdawn.ca/community-engagement)



A photograph of a man with a mustache, wearing a grey cap, glasses, a plaid shirt, and a dark vest, sitting on a balcony. He is smiling and reading a newspaper. The balcony has a black metal railing. In the foreground, there are purple and yellow flowers. In the background, there is a modern apartment building with dark grey siding, white trim, and a small porch with a white door and window. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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100+

affordable, supportive, non-profit, and market  
apartments and commercial suites in the CBRM



Supportive Housing for Individuals with Mental Illness (SHIMI) is an innovative solution to a pressing community need for individuals who are living with mental illness and in need of supportive housing options.

The project provides high quality, secure, affordable, and independent housing together with a range of responsive supports to adults living with, and recovering from, a mental illness.

New Dawn owns and operates 28 SHIMI apartments and fellow community organization, Pathways to Employment, owns and operates 12 SHIMI apartments. Intake and supportive services are provided by the Nova Scotia Office of Mental Health and Addictions.

For more information, please visit [newdawnproperties.ca](http://newdawnproperties.ca) or write to us at [properties@newdawn.ca](mailto:properties@newdawn.ca)





## Pine Tree Park

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A New Dawn Enterprises Development

Pine Tree Park is an 80-acre community on the outskirts of Sydney, Cape Breton and is home to the Pine Tree Care Home and Home Living, Schooner Curling Club, and affordable rental homes, duplexes, and quadplexes.

New Dawn, with support from the provincial and federal government and the Verschuren Centre for Sustainability in Energy and the Environment has upgraded the buildings and homes on the property to improve their building envelopes and efficiency and decrease their energy consumption, and installed a 700kWh 1800-panel solar array that will provide all of the energy consumed by the community.

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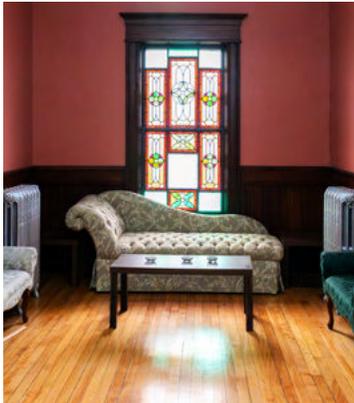


In 2023, New Dawn opened Abbey Ridge, a supportive housing project for youth aged 16 to 21. Located in Glace Bay, Abbey Ridge provides safe, affordable housing and wrap-around support services for eight young people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or aging out of the foster care system.

The goal of Abbey Ridge is to guide youth towards successful and healthy independent living in the future. Youth in the Abbey Ridge Supportive Living program are at high risk of negative life outcomes due to a lack of resources, support, and stability.

The program aims to help youth overcome these barriers by assisting them in reaching personal goals through support, empowerment, and advocacy.

For more information or to learn more, please contact the Manager of Abbey Ridge at 902-322-9019 or write to [Irodriguez@newdawn.ca](mailto:Irodriguez@newdawn.ca)





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new units of supportive housing for Cape Bretoners who are currently homeless, at imminent risk of homelessness, and living with addiction

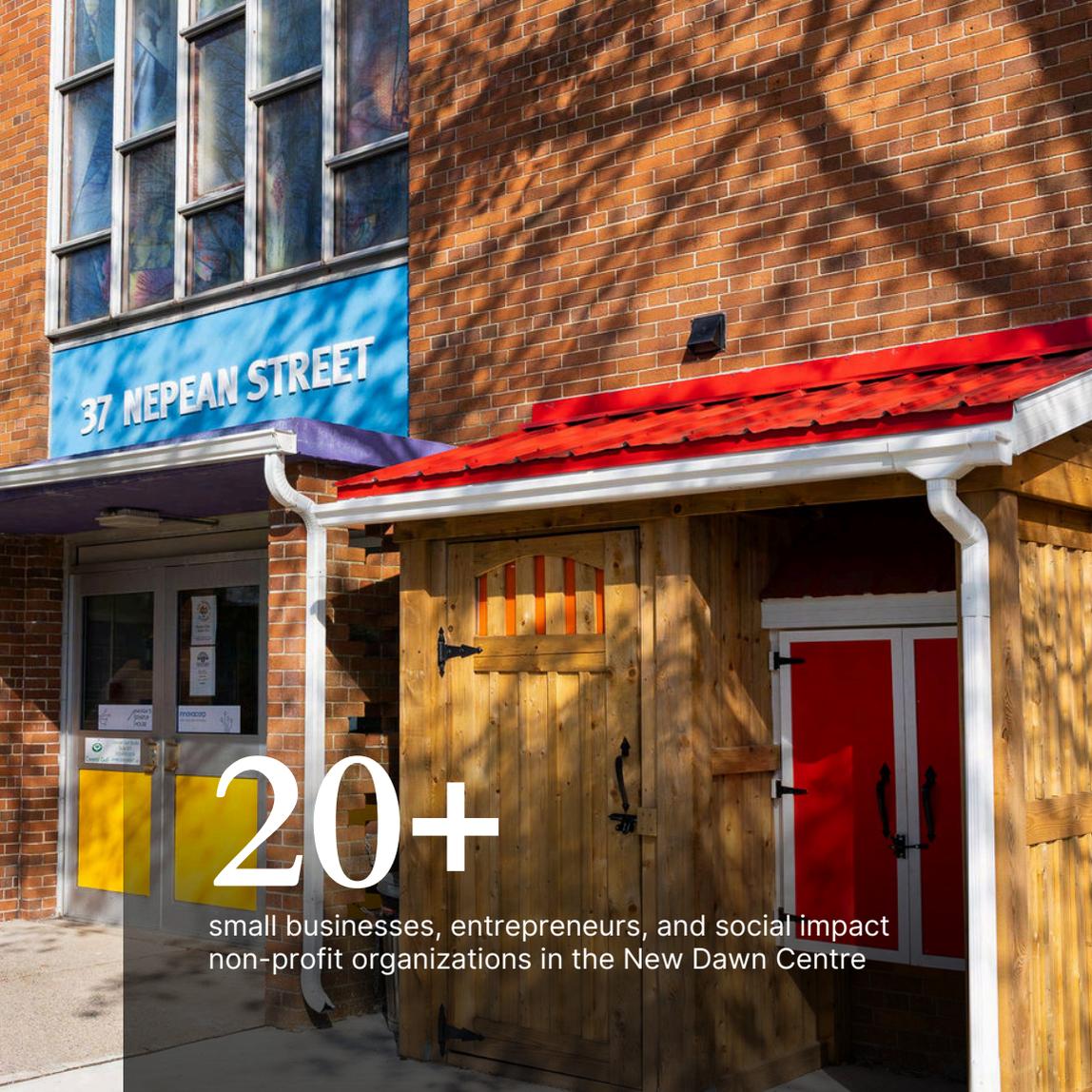


In partnership with the Ally Centre of Cape Breton, New Dawn is constructing 25 new units of housing for some of our most vulnerable community members. This affordable and supportive housing project will open in late 2024 and provide a home for more than two dozen new tenants who are currently homeless, at imminent risk of homelessness, and living with addiction.

Located on Charlotte Street, behind the New Dawn Centre, the new housing development has been designed by Passive Design Solutions, will be staffed 24-7, and will provide supportive wrap around services like mental health and addictions counselling, connections with treatment and education programs, and harm reduction supplies and practices. Funding for this development has been provided by CMHC through the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

To stay up to date on design and construction, visit [newdawnproperties.ca/developments](https://newdawnproperties.ca/developments)



The image shows the exterior of a brick building with a red metal roof and a wooden structure. A blue sign above a glass door reads "37 NEPEAN STREET". To the right, a wooden door with a red and white striped window is visible. A white gutter runs along the edge of the roof. The scene is brightly lit, with shadows cast across the brick wall.

37 NEPEAN STREET

20+

small businesses, entrepreneurs, and social impact  
non-profit organizations in the New Dawn Centre



New Dawn owns and manages a number of commercial properties in the Sydney area. In each case, New Dawn built or acquired a building to support the important work of another community organization or small business.

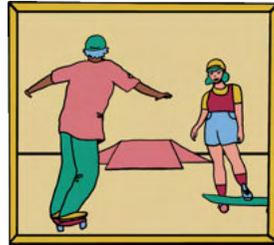
Housed in the former Holy Angels High School (circa 1958), the New Dawn Centre provides an affordable workspace for non-profits, government agencies, and small businesses.

Having recently undergone extensive building envelope and energy efficiency renovations, the New Dawn Centre is now a climate friendly, bright, and comfortable entrepreneurial community. For more information, please visit [newdawnproperties.ca](http://newdawnproperties.ca) or write to us at [properties@newdawn.ca](mailto:properties@newdawn.ca)



GLACE BAY  
**Youth**  
**& Family**  
CENTRE





With funding support from the Government of Canada and Province of Nova Scotia, New Dawn is building a much-needed youth and family centre right in the heart of Glace Bay.

The Glace Bay Youth and Family Centre is a 24,000 square foot facility, to be built on a 6-acre parcel of land on the corner of Reserve and Union streets.

The Centre will provide a vibrant, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable place for families, children, youth, seniors, and community organizations to participate in and deliver a range of programming and activities.

## *Recreation, joy, community. A transformational project for Glace Bay.*

The building is in the design phase, but when it opens in 2026, we expect it to include an indoor gymnasium, childcare centre, indoor skatepark, offices for community organizations, a cafe and commercial kitchen, rentable party rooms, a soft play area for young children, and a range of indoor and outdoor games, amenities, and technologies.

To stay up to date on the design and construction process, please visit [newdawnproperties.ca](http://newdawnproperties.ca)



# 75,000+

hours of care provided every year  
to Cape Bretoners by New Dawn Health



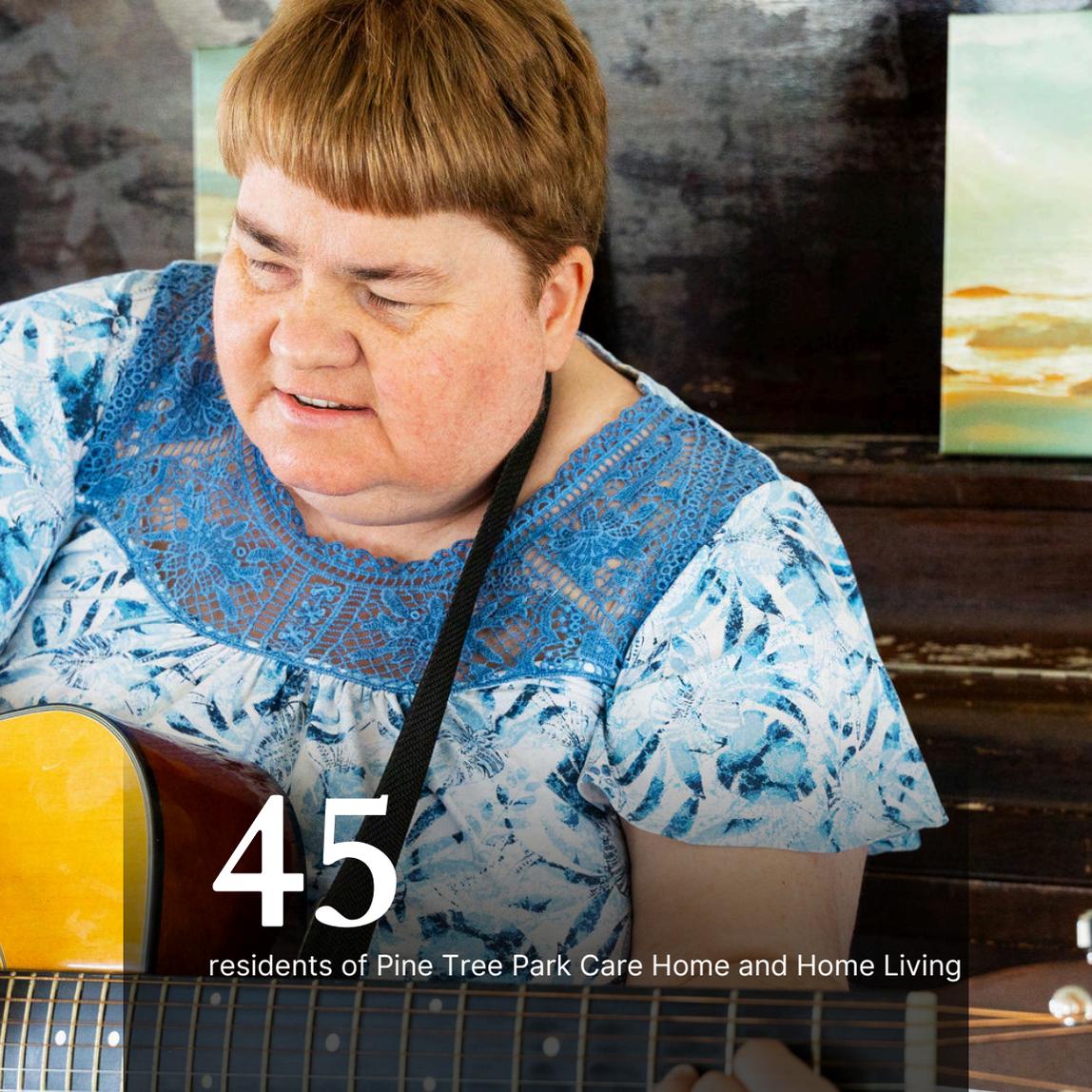
A caring, welcoming home. That is the hallmark of Pine Tree Care Home, a 29-bed Level One (Supportive Care), residential care facility providing personalized and professional care in a bright, comfortable setting for people with a variety of disabilities who are clients of the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services (DCS).

The quality of life of residents is the driving force behind the dedication of Care Home staff. Every effort is made to plan for and attend to the physical, emotional, and social needs and aspirations of the residents and to create a positive, family atmosphere.

For more information, please visit [newdawnquesthome.ca](http://newdawnquesthome.ca), phone 902-539-2221, or write to us at [mnearing@newdawn.ca](mailto:mnearing@newdawn.ca)

**Pine Tree Park**  
CARE HOME & HOME LIVING

A Community of Hope & Sunshine



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residents of Pine Tree Park Care Home and Home Living



Pine Tree Park Home Living was established by New Dawn in 1991 when it refurbished a number of duplex units, each accommodating three tenants on one side and their care-giving family on the other.

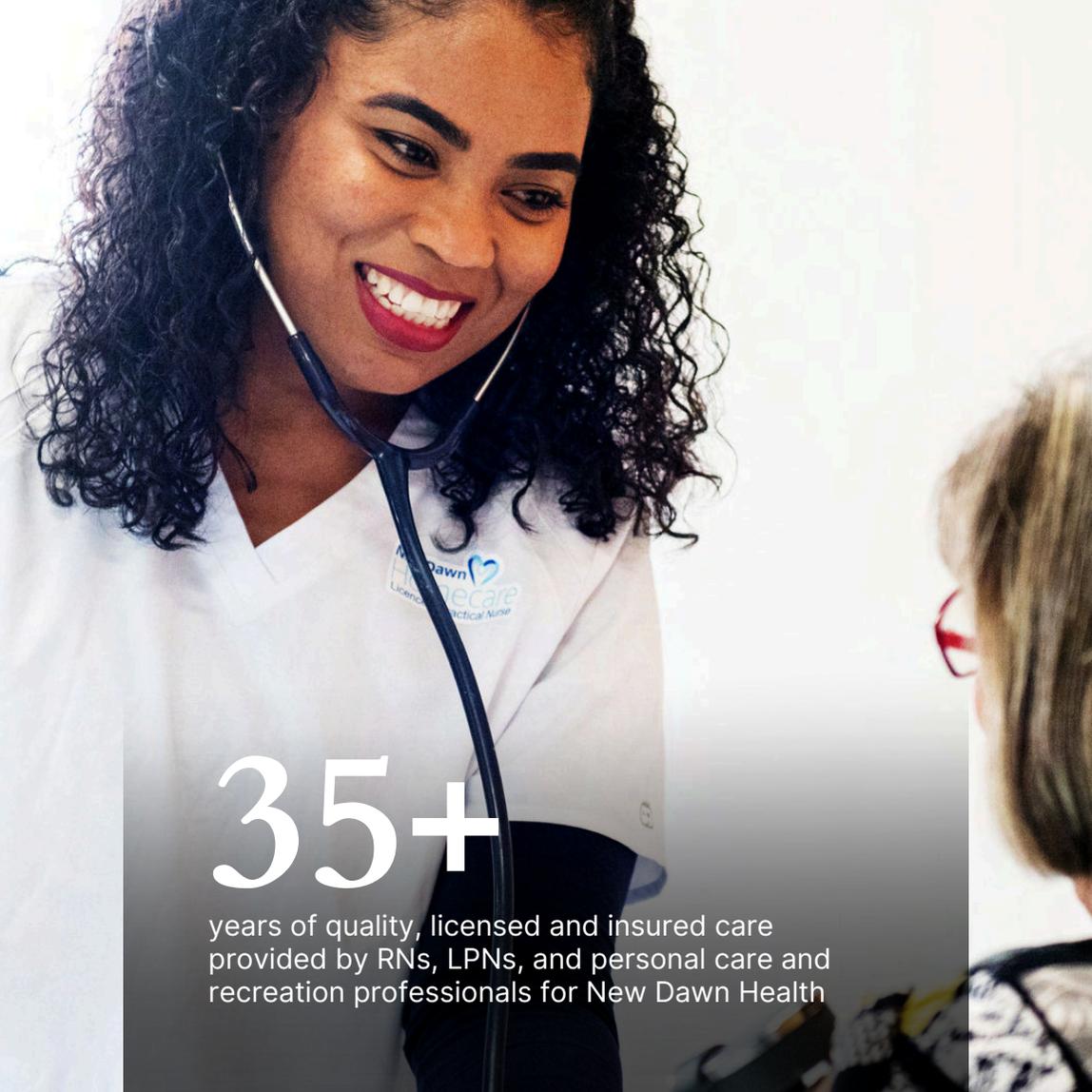
Each Home Living tenant has their own bedroom which they personally furnish and decorate, as well as a shared bathroom, kitchen and living space. The caregiver has both interior and exterior access to the tenant unit and is able to keep constant contact through a monitor.

Referrals for tenants (adults with physical and intellectual disabilities) come to Pine Tree Home Living through the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services.

For more information, please visit [newdawnguesthome.ca](http://newdawnguesthome.ca), phone 902-539-2221, or write to us at [mnearing@newdawn.ca](mailto:mnearing@newdawn.ca)

**Pine Tree Park**  
CARE HOME & HOME LIVING

A Community of Hope & Sunshine



35+

years of quality, licensed and insured care provided by RNs, LPNs, and personal care and recreation professionals for New Dawn Health



New Dawn Homecare was the first private non-profit (not publicly funded) homecare company formed on Unama'ki, Cape Breton Island. More than thirty years later, we are the largest and only nationally accredited Island-based homecare company.

Our services include around-the-clock care, bathing and dressing, care after surgery or hospitalization, dementia and Alzheimer's care at home, end-of-life/palliative care, fall prevention, footcare, housekeeping, in-home companionship, in-hospital companionship, meal preparation and grocery shopping, medication reminders, nursing care, respite care, serious injury care, and wound care.

Please visit [newdawnhomecare.ca](http://newdawnhomecare.ca) or call 902-562-2444 to speak with someone about our care and services.





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20,000+

fresh, hot, nutritious meals delivered  
to seniors and those in need every year



Each year, New Dawn Meals on Wheels delivers more than 20,000 hot and nutritious meals to people in our community. Our clients include seniors aging in place at home, community members living with disabilities, and those who are recovering from illness, grief, injury.

Our meals are delivered to the doorstep by a team of friendly and dedicated volunteers. Over 75 people volunteer 4,500 hours a year to make Meals on Wheels possible.

*"Meals on Wheels is more than a meal – it's a conversation, a wellness check, sustenance and support for those in need."*

To donate to our Subsidy Program or sign up someone you love for Meals on Wheels, please visit [newdawnmealsonwheels.ca](http://newdawnmealsonwheels.ca) or phone 902-562-1245.



# Message from the President



Erika Shea  
President and CEO  
New Dawn Enterprises

The world has discovered a great secret: the natural beauty, deep kindness, unfolding opportunity, and striking culture, landscape, and people of Unama'ki, Cape Breton Island.

As we come together now to imagine the kind of community we are creating, we know of the impacts of climate change, the economic, social, and political displacement of Mi'kmaw communities, the brutality of unfettered capitalism, the dangers of absentee ownership of our resources, the connectedness and commerce made possible by media and technology, and the need to meet all those who are suffering with a deep wellspring of both compassion and action.

What an incredible privilege and immense responsibility it is to dream about this impending future and then set to bringing it into being with every project, every conversation, every apology, and all the ways in which we must change, and quickly, to meet the offerings of this precious moment.

New Dawn's work in the community would not be possible without the generous contributions of donors like you.

New Dawn is a charitable organization that empowers your money into real action in our community.

Your compassion and support help to create a more vibrant and self-reliant Unama'ki, Cape Breton Island.

We do this together.

**And we couldn't do it without you.**

**[newdawn.ca/donate](http://newdawn.ca/donate)**



A woman with dark hair, wearing a black top and a patterned vest with red and green trim, sits in front of a stone wall. She has two circular pins on her vest, each with a ribbon. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

# Supporting a culture of self-reliance



New Dawn  
Enterprises