

RECOVERY CAN'T WAIT



Expanding
addiction recovery
in the Okanagan at
BILL'S PLACE

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The Need is Urgent

Addiction is a crisis in our community.

Overdose deaths in B.C. have doubled since 2016.

In 2025 over 200 people in the Okanagan died from toxic drugs.

Since B.C. declared a public health emergency, our communities have **lost nearly five lives every single day to overdose**. Despite this crisis, people who are ready to start their recovery journey are forced to wait for months.

Delayed access to recovery can mean the difference between life and death. Each day someone waits is a day they're at risk of relapse or overdose.

A man in a white shirt and orange safety vest is sitting on the floor in a hallway, leaning against a wall. He is looking out a window. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the window. The man's expression is somber.

Alcohol contributes to 18,000 deaths per year in Canada.

TARA-LEE

Years of trauma led Tara-Lee to turn to alcohol as a way to cope. Over time she says, “my drinking and using just got worse and worse,” pulling her deeper into chaos. Despite her family’s best efforts, she was unable to break free of addiction. When Child Protection Services eventually removed her young daughter from her care, Tara-Lee finally reached her breaking point.

“I needed help. I knew I couldn’t keep going like that. I had to get Bella back.”

BAYNE

Bayne is a self-described “lifelong alcoholic,” caught for decades in a cycle he couldn’t break. Twenty-five years of drinking, relapse, and missed second chances at recovery included half a dozen trips through detox in a single year. He describes a life that became “unsustainable and self-destructive,” where he was pushing people away while still insisting he had control. That recklessness extended to impaired driving as a “career drunk driver.” Finally losing his license is something he now carries as part of the consequences of his addiction.

“I don’t want to leave a trail of carnage behind me. I’m not ready to die yet.”



Bill's Place


Opened in 2013, Bill's Place is a **27 bed residential addiction recovery campus** in Vernon, B.C. providing primary care, second stage recovery, and family programs.

The program combines evidence-based treatment with a structured model of recovery – focusing on group sessions, personal accountability, community engagement, and ongoing therapeutic work. Residents are expected to participate in the shared household responsibilities of cooking, cleaning, and yard maintenance.

Bill's Place alumni report remaining **free from addiction at a rate three times higher** than comparative programs.

Bill's Place is an affordable, not-for-profit, subsidized program. Private programs can charge up to \$25,000 per month.


Bill's Place receives 350 referrals each year with a current wait list 6 months long.



"I have my daughter back. I have a home. I have really close friends. I have a great job. This is definitely the best I've ever been emotionally, mentally, and physically.

I didn't know that I was able to have this in this lifetime."

TARA-LEE
Bill's Place Alumni



"I'm told that the opposite of addiction is connection. We develop that here. You're able to form friendships that will last a lifetime. We consider ourselves our recovery family and that is a big deal.

We need more addiction recovery spaces like this one. The need is out there."

BAYNE
Bill's Place Alumni

[Watch Testimonial Video](#)



Expansion 2025-2027

Bill's Place is operated by not-for-profit agency Turning Points Collaborative Society. Our solution to meet the critical demand for effective, affordable, and accessible treatment is to expand on our existing property on 43rd Avenue in Vernon. The new 13,500 sq. ft facility, spanning three floors, will allow us to **increase our capacity by 133%** and **reduce wait times from six months to one.**



36 NEW TREATMENT BEDS
GATHERING AND LEARNING SPACE
COMMERCIAL KITCHEN
FAMILY VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS

MGN
ARCHITECTS

Bill's Place

2504 43rd Avenue, Vernon BC



New building plan



Expansion Efforts

- ✓ LAND OWNERSHIP IN PLACE
- ✓ ZONING & PERMITS COMPLETE
- ✓ DESIGNS FINALIZED
- ✓ CONTRACTOR SECURED
- ✓ PROGRAM FUNDING SECURED
- ✓ CAPITAL FUNDRAISING UNDERWAY



How you can Help

Recovery can't wait. The Foord Family Foundation recognized this and provided a **transformative leadership gift of \$2.5 Million** to initiate capital fundraising. We invite you to join them in building a lasting legacy in Vernon. Your financial contribution will help provide the immediate, life-saving support our community desperately needs.

Project Budget

\$5,400,000 - BUILDING COSTS


\$ 400,000 - MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

\$ 600,000 - FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

\$6,400,000 - PROJECT TOTAL

-\$2,500,000 - FOORD FAMILY FOUNDATION GIFT

\$3,900,000 - COMPLETES THE PROJECT



"I think a lot of people think that addiction is a choice - that you're choosing to distance yourself and disconnect yourself from your family and your friends and your children... it isn't a choice. It's a disease that you get stuck in.

Bill's Place saved my life."

SAMANTHA
Bill's Place Alumni

The Impact

- ✓ INCREASE CAPACITY BY 133%
- ✓ REDUCE WAIT TIMES FROM 6 MONTHS TO 1
- ✓ PROVIDE 3x MORE EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMING
- ✓ \$ 2.5 MILLION GIFT SECURED
- ✓ \$ 3.9 MILLION TO REACH OUR GOAL
- ✓ \$ 6.4 MILLION TOTAL GOAL

Bill's Place provides effective, affordable, and accessible addiction recovery. Here, people find hope and a second chance at life. Your support will ensure no one has to wait for the help they need. Recovery Can't Wait.

Who we Are

Established in 1957, Turning Points Collaborative Society is a trusted not-for-profit service provider, with our head office based in Vernon, B.C. We offer outreach, shelter services, various housing options, and addiction recovery programs – all with the goal of helping individuals reclaim their lives.

At the heart of everything we do is our belief in the inherent dignity of every person we serve. We honour their unique journeys and support them as the experts in their own lives. With a proven track record of success and a deep commitment to our community, we're ready to grow and expand our services to meet the increasing need.



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