

WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC GOOD SOCIETY OF DARTMOUTH

20+ years of service to the Dartmouth Community

We are an active coalition of residents, local business, and public and voluntary organizations working together to find solutions to complex social and economic issues that affect residents of Dartmouth.

We are inspired by a **vision of Dartmouth as a welcoming and inclusive community where people and organizations work together to support each other** and led by a mission to work together and share resources and knowledge to **better address complex issues** facing the Dartmouth community.



***“What is right?
What is just?
What is for the
public good?”***

- Joseph Howe, 1835

When journalist, politician and public servant, Joseph Howe, wrote these words in 1835, it was part of his ongoing commitment to making Nova Scotia the best it could be for all its citizens.

In 2004, his words inspired a group of local residents to form the non-profit Public Good Society of Dartmouth.

WHAT KIND OF WORK DO WE DO?

Since it first formed in 2004, the Public Good Society has brought partnerships together to:



Build and help individuals find affordable housing



Address food insecurity



Help families get connected to the internet and reliable devices



Build community resilience



Connect residents with the services they need



Provide community transportation

We believe in honouring people's rights and building on their strengths, knowing that helping others helps the whole community!

2004

- Public Good Society first formed

2007

- Connections That Work Program created with funding from DCS

2012

- Community Van launched

2014

- Dartmouth Housing Helps launched

2019

- Partnership with Take Action Society

2020

- Partnership with the Dartmouth Echo
- Annual coat drive launched
- Getting Everyone Online project launched





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CURRENT AND PAST PARTNERS

In the past twenty years, the Public Good Society has been privileged to work with an exciting network of community partners that include;



- Christ Church
- The Dartmouth Echo
- Farrell Benevolent Society
- The Freedom Foundation
- Getting Everyone Online (GEO Nova Scotia)
- Local food banks
- Lake City Works
- The Take Action Society
- Nova Scotia Housing Growth Fund
- Nova Scotia Department of Community Services (DCS)
- United Way of Halifax
- Welcome Housing and Support Services
- YWCA

OUR IMPACT

The Public Good Society is a small group of volunteers with big impact:



GEO Nova Scotia started in Dartmouth and provided **40 households** with access to free internet services and reliable computers. Today it is bringing the benefits of digital inclusion to over **XXXXXX individuals and families** around the province.



The Community Van has supported more than 15 community partners to provide rides to over **25,000 residents**.



Housing Helps, a program run in partnership with Welcome Housing, has supported over **1,000 people** to find a home.

Connections That Work program has helped over **2,000 residents** find the services they need.

