

A NEW CHAPTER : CELEBRATING WHERE WE'VE BEEN
LOOKING TOWARD WHAT'S NEXT

SHIFRA HOMES

WELCOME!

This past year has marked an important new chapter at Shifra Homes. As we reflect on 2025 and the first six months of 2026, we are proud to share the meaningful impact made possible through the generosity and support of our community. Together, we have continued to provide safety, stability, and hope to young, homeless, pregnant women and their babies, while helping mothers take steps toward healing, independence, and a brighter future.

Over the past year, we have continued to strengthen our programs, expand our support, and walk alongside mothers as they navigate the journey from homelessness to safe and stable housing. As we look ahead, we are excited for what this next chapter will bring for Shifra Homes and the families we serve.

In this issue, you'll find stories of resilience, highlights from the past year, a look at the impact of your support, and a glimpse into what's ahead. Thank you for being part of the Shifra Homes community. Your support helps make new beginnings possible and gives every mother and baby the opportunity to begin a new chapter of their own.



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2025-26 BABIES

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| 1. Joel | 12. Isla |
| 2. Adaya | 13. Amani |
| 3. Hailey | 14. Adonai |
| 4. Kehlan | 15. Jhyreign |
| 5. Truth | 16. Maverick |
| 6. Jaylen | 17. Amira |
| 7. Joriel | 18. Norelle |
| 8. Keon | 19. Zoey |
| 9. William | 20. Joel |
| 10. Tee'liyah | 21. Nathaniel |
| 11. Emerson | 22. Isaiah |



COMMUNITY PARTNERS & PROGRAM SUPPORT

Burlington Community Foundation

We are incredibly grateful to the Burlington Community Foundation for a \$25,000 grant through the Housing Support Fund. This funding will help Shifra Homes provide essential housing, mental health, and wrap-around supports to mothers and babies, while also helping mothers successfully transition from shelter into safe, stable housing of their own. Thank you to the Burlington Community Foundation for recognizing the urgent need for safe and affordable housing and for investing in solutions that help mothers and their children build brighter, independent futures.



Burlington Lions Club

We are deeply grateful to the Burlington Lions Club for their generous donation of \$33,333 to Shifra Homes, presented during their 100th Anniversary Celebration in December 2025. As part of their centennial celebration, the Lions Club generously shared \$100,000 among three local charities, recognizing organizations making a meaningful difference in our community. Their gift will help support Shifra Homes mission to provide safe housing, compassionate care, and essential resources to young, homeless, pregnant women and their babies. We are honored to be part of their 100-year legacy of community service and are incredibly thankful for their commitment to helping local families build brighter futures.



RBC – Community Support

We are grateful to the RBC team for their continued support of Shifra Homes through their quarterly volunteer days. Throughout the year, RBC employees have generously given their time to help with projects around our homes, support our programs, and contribute to the welcoming spaces our mothers and babies call home. Their ongoing involvement is a wonderful example of how community partnerships can make a meaningful difference.



Foresters Financial – Home Beautification

A heartfelt thank you to Yves Nofiele Tiwa from Foresters Financial for securing a generous \$1,500 grant through the House Beautification Project. This donation allowed us to purchase new patio furniture for our second home, creating a welcoming outdoor space where mothers and babies can relax, connect, and enjoy time together. We are so grateful for partners like Foresters Financial who understand that creating a safe and comfortable home includes beautiful outdoor spaces. Their generosity is helping make Shifra Homes feel even more like home.



STORIES OF RESILIENCE & CELEBRATION

SUCCESS STORY

Patricia's Journey to Independence

At 17, our client Patricia was navigating life largely on her own as part of the foster care system, working toward her high school diploma, and living with limited financial and personal support, she was unsure where to turn when she discovered she was pregnant. Through a referral from her Children's Aid Society worker, Patricia found Shifra Homes, where she received safe housing, guidance, and support as she prepared for motherhood. At 18, she transitioned successfully from Shifra to her own apartment. She went on to graduate from high school and was accepted into her dream Registered Practical Nursing Education program as a goal she had identified when she first arrived at Shifra Homes.

We are also incredibly proud to celebrate Patricia as the inaugural recipient of the Louise Jane Beckett Shifra Homes Scholarship, recognizing her determination, resilience, and commitment to creating a brighter future for herself and her son. A special thank you to Tina Marie Powell for creating this scholarship in honour of her grandmother and helping to support future mothers at Shifra Homes. Patricia's journey is a beautiful reminder of what is possible when a young mother is given safety, stability, and the opportunity to pursue her dreams.



JOYFUL JOURNEY AFTERNOON TEA

A special thank you to Marjorie Steele for starting the High Tea tradition in support of Shifra Homes.

Following the success of our first High Tea in June 2025, we were thrilled to bring the event back in June 2026 for another wonderful afternoon of community, celebration, and support. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make both events such a success, including our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and guests. From the beautiful setting and delicious treats to the generosity throughout the afternoon, the High Tea has become a wonderful way for our community to come together in support of the mothers and babies at Shifra Homes.

We look forward to continuing this special tradition in the years ahead.



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