



Rooftops Canada 2015 Africa Study Visit



Meet the remarkable group of Canadian housing professionals who will spend two weeks this summer (June 29 to July 10) connecting and sharing knowledge with our African partners in Nairobi, Johannesburg and Cape Town.



Allison Ferris ~ Summerville, NB

With a passion for social and non-profit housing development, Allison is already a strong advocate for Rooftops Canada, having promoted our work at a number of NBNPHA conferences. As Client Services Coordinator for Housing Alternatives Inc., Allison provides leadership to co-op boards and nurtures partnerships with private, public and non-profit organizations. A gifted communicator, she frequently addresses national audiences on housing issues. Allison holds a BBA from UNB and serves as the New Brunswick Regional Director for CHF Canada.



Bruce Woodrow ~ Newcastle, ON

Bruce is a long-time active member of CHF Canada, having chaired numerous AGMs, delivered workshops at annual education events, and travelled to various cities to train instructors in his capacity as management consultant for CHF Toronto. His 30 years of law practice have focused especially on governance and dispute resolution for non-profit and co-op housing. A consistent and significant supporter of Rooftops Canada, Bruce is a former lifeguard, an aspiring photographer and an eclectic music-lover.



James Calderone ~ Toronto, ON

A senior Co-op Housing Manager with an affinity for environmentally sensitive development, James provides leadership to an extensive portfolio for Homestarts Inc. Having received his BBA and Masters in Environmental Studies from York, James advocates for successful housing programs and builds cases for investment, both on behalf of Homestarts and independently. While at University, James spent a summer in Cape Town helping develop Environmental Impact Assessments for firms. He is excited to return to Africa.



Jerry Boyer ~ Grimsby, ON

A recognized trailblazer in leading technology, Jerry chairs the board of directors for Victoria Park Community Homes, one of the oldest and largest private non-profit housing corporations in Ontario. Jerry's capacity for game changing solutions led him to co-found One Million Acts of Innovation in 2014. As CEO, he directs program, content and partnership development with and for Business, Academia and Government. With a background in IT, relationship management, and team building, Jerry is an experienced and sought after speaker, passionate about telling stories with a positive impact.



Nancy Singer ~ Toronto, ON

As Executive Director for Kehilla Residential Programme, Nancy contributes her four decades experience in planning and developing to providing and advocating for affordable community housing. Through presentations to ONPHA, CHRA, and the Mayor of Toronto, Nancy has become a recognized leader in the sector. Since 2011, Nancy has fueled her passion for housing, the arts, and cultural exchange into Sukkahville, an annual international structural design competition, exhibition and fundraiser. Nancy is a member of Rooftops Canada's Fundraising Task Force.



Brad Lester ~ Toronto, ON

With over 30 years of international development and cooperative project management experience, Brad's work in Southern Africa has included program planning, capacity building, training and social development with cooperatives and community-based organizations. He also managed major programs in the conflict, post-conflict and emergency environments of Kosovo, Angola and Mozambique. Since joining Rooftops Canada in 2001 as Overseas Program Manager, he has been coordinating technical assistance and project activities with overseas partners, which includes field missions, monitoring and reporting. Brad is a proud father of four and grandfather of two.

Rooftops Canada is the international development program of cooperative and social housing organizations in Canada. Since 1984 we have supported housing enterprises and worked with urban poor communities around the world, providing leadership, technical expertise and financial resources.

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