



Belkin House honoured with 2006 Lieutenant- Governor's Jury Award

The Salvation Army recognized that to break the cycle of hopelessness and despair, which the homeless and homeless-at-risk individuals face, more than a warm bed and a hot meal would be required.



Belkin House is an innovative facility, the first in Canada to provide such a wide range of services, programs and shelter under one roof. Belkin House has segregated men's and women's emergency shelter, out-reach and drop-in services, a thirty-bed Corrections Canada community residential facility, women's services and transitional housing with integrated resource services and programs – literacy and education classes, counselling for addiction recovery, life skills training to tenants and non-residents and job skills training.

This project is about a sensitive response to both context and content. Belkin House is a modest, straightforward building appropriate to the continuity and scale of the street and complementary to the existing urban fabric. It provides a supportive sanctuary for the disadvantaged giving them hope, self-esteem and potential to start in a new direction. The success of Belkin House can be measured in the enrichment it provides to individuals and to society as a whole.

Jury comments: "Recognition of social importance; Provides sense of tranquility, peace and help; Fits into pattern of urbanism; Provides sense of sanctuary, solidity and tranquility to residents."