

## Benefits of

# FIRST STEPS

- ◆ Assist with transportation, housing, food and clothing
- ◆ Identify learning gaps in educational skills needed for employment and refer to appropriate assistance.
- ◆ If needed, assist in basic life and living skills, such as; personal hygiene and grooming; time management; communication skills.
- ◆ Offer improved health and substance abuse services.
- ◆ Encourage improved mental health
- ◆ Instill a positive outlook on life and work
- ◆ Assist with referral for independent housing
- ◆ Offer skill training for future employment through volunteerism.



### Vincent Place

Vincent Place Inc. is a non-denominational, non-profit organization which is dedicated to helping people in the community of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario receive their basic needs to live. Our mission statement is "Embracing the way of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we serve the homeless and poor of our community by actions that provide them with shelter, clothing, food, household essentials and compassionate attention through a dedicated group of volunteers and staff."

Vincent Place Men's Shelter provides on a short-term basis, a safe environment for men, 18 years of age and up, who are without residence or passing through our city.

Our goal is to assist men to stabilize their lives by providing support through guidance and improving their employment readiness.

In cooperation with Ontario Works, for our men without residence or employment, we offer a secure environment, life-style support, guidance toward housing

### Men's Shelter Hours of Operation

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To stabilize clients' lives and provide assistance that will improve their self-sufficiency and readiness for employment.

## First Steps to Employment Program

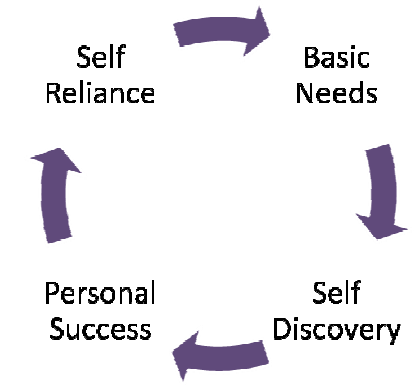
The “First Steps” program is a three month process which identifies problems that shelter residents may have and assists them with overcoming those issues.

The program does not secure employment for our residents but does guide the men towards being “job-ready”.

- ◆ What do you want to do to improve your situation?
- ◆ What help do you need from Vincent Place to improve your situation?

Vincent Place uses support from our partner agencies to provide our men with the resources they need that we cannot offer, such as; addiction counselors, job skills, life skills and any medical issues that may arise.

The focus of the program revolves around four simple principals



Those four principals are then broken into seven steps.



### 1. Safe and Secure Environment

### 2. Basic Needs

### 3. Work and Education

### 4. Life and Living Skills

### 5. Health and Mental Wellness

### 6. Pre-Employment Skills

### 7. Empowerment and Brotherhood



## FIRST STEPS SERVICES

- ◆ FAX–PHONE–MAIL
- ◆ HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT SEARCH
- ◆ PRE-EMPLOYMENT SKILLS BUILDING
  - ◆ WORKSHOPS
  - ◆ COFFEE NIGHT
- ◆ RESUME DEVELOPMENT