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Re: Recognition of a Chronic Homelessness Reduction in the Built for Zero Canada Campaign

Hello Team Stratford-Perth-St. Marys,

On behalf of the Built for Zero Canada team, I want to recognize and congratulate you on the progress you have made thus far on your journey to end chronic homelessness! A key milestone for communities in the Reduce Cohort is to achieve 10% below baseline on the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness. Stratford-Perth-St. Marys has reached this goal!

Communities set a baseline once they have achieved a quality By-Name List, indicating that they have reliable real-time data. After achieving a quality By-Name List in October 2019, your community reset your baseline in November of 2021 to 145 people experiencing chronic homelessness to reflect improvements to data collection. **To achieve the 10% below baseline milestone means that Stratford-Perth-St. Marys needed to reduce the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness by at least 10% of 145 for three consecutive months.**

Based on your most recent data submission, we are excited to recognize **Stratford-Perth-St. Marys reached and held a 10% reduction in chronic homelessness for three consecutive months between December 2022 and February 2023!** Most recently, you reported 115 people experiencing chronic homelessness in February 2023. This is a reduction of 30 people or 21% percent between November 2019 and February 2023!

This is amazing!!! Your hard work and dedication in moving towards your goal of functional zero for chronic homelessness is demonstrated by this impressive accomplishment. As the 7th community who has reached and sustained this milestone, Stratford-Perth-St. Marys is a leading community, proving to others that reductions in homelessness are possible.

The Built for Zero Canada team is very excited to continue to support your work toward functional zero!

Congratulations and thank you for all your amazing work!

Onward!

Marie Morrison

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