Trailblazers
Life Choices

Trailblazers in Steinbach – Service Overview

Trailblazers has been proudly providing services in the Eastman Region since 2017, supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live active, meaningful lives in their communities. Over the past three years, Trailblazers has doubled in size, reflecting both the growing demand for services in the region and the organization's ability to respond effectively.

Day Services, Supported Employment, and Community Involvement

Day Services support 60+ individuals, focusing on life skills, community involvement, social connection, volunteerism, and supported employment services, including job readiness and ongoing employment supports. Participants actively give back to the community through volunteer activities with local organizations and initiatives.

Trailblazers maintains multiple community partnerships that support meaningful engagement and contribution. One example is its partnership with Tabs for Wheelchairs, where Trailblazers serves as the Southeast Region drop-off centre. Participants sort and prepare collected tabs and cans for recycling, with all proceeds supporting individuals who rely on mobility equipment. This partnership is one of many that allow participants to contribute positively to the broader community.

To meet the growing demand in the Eastman Region, Trailblazers has partnered with Waldo Neustaedter to support the development of a newly constructed, purpose-built facility for day services and administrative operations. This facility will allow Trailblazers to continue delivering day programming without significant waitlist times and support operational growth in a centralized, accessible space. Trailblazers is currently approaching maximum capacity across all existing buildings, making this development critical to maintaining timely access to services.

Transportation Services

Transportation Services, launched in 2021, support access to day programs, employment, and community activities. Trailblazers currently transports 100+ individuals, including individuals supported by other agencies, to and from their respective day service programs. This service reduces transportation barriers across the region and supports continuity of services for multiple organizations.

Residential Services and Future Expansion

Residential Services expanded in Steinbach in 2022 with the opening of two shift-staffed community homes in Steinbach. These homes provide 24-hour support in a safe, home-like environment, allowing individuals to live within the community while receiving the supports they need.

Due to the quality of services being delivered, the Province of Manitoba, Community Living Disability Services, has requested that Trailblazers further expand residential services in the region, recognizing the organization's capacity and strong track record in providing effective, person-centred supports.

Looking ahead, Trailblazers plans to continue expanding residential options through Supported Independent Living (SIL) and Home Share models, further strengthening community-based housing options in Steinbach and the surrounding region.

Commitment to Steinbach

Trailblazers is committed to being a long-term community partner in Steinbach, contributing to inclusive neighbourhoods and supporting residents to live, work, volunteer, and participate fully in community life.