



Announcing a New Partnership: ***Alberta Homeless Foundation x Liver Health Connect***

Alberta Homeless Foundation and Liver Health Connect are proud to announce a new partnership that integrates complementary strengths. Together, we are committed to reducing barriers and increasing access to specialized liver care and resources for people experiencing homelessness, which often can carry an increased burden of liver diseases within their communities.

This partnership represents a shared dedication to bringing compassionate, evidence-based care directly to the community. Through our collective efforts, we aim to close critical gaps in liver disease prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and long-term support.

Goals of the Partnership

- Expand liver screening and education directly into high-burden communities
- Increase awareness for current care pathways that support liver-related conditions
- Strengthen community understanding of liver health and prevention

About Alberta Homeless Foundation

Alberta Homeless Foundation (AHF) is a community-based non-profit focused on filling gaps in frontline support for people experiencing homelessness and extreme financial insecurity. Recognizing that homelessness increases vulnerability to illness and the spread of disease, AHF's dedicated field volunteer team goes out every week to meet the community and hand out snacks and essential items. Instead of asking individuals to travel to fixed locations or navigate complex systems, AHF brings care kits and essential supplies directly to those in need.

Beyond outreach, AHF looks to better understand service gaps and resource needs and works alongside existing organizations to strengthen the local support network. For example, AHF helps supply the Community Pantry run by the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary. To date, AHF's Calgary pilot has distributed approximately 8,000+ items directly into the hands of people who ask, helping our community feel seen and supported while complementing the work of many great organizations supporting those in Alberta.

About Liver Health Connect

Liver Health Connect is a volunteer driven, Calgary based non profit founded by a hepatologist at the University of Calgary and Foothills Medical Centre. The organization was established to address persistent gaps in liver health awareness, screening, and navigation, particularly in communities that encounter cultural, linguistic, or structural barriers to care. LHC brings together physicians, nurses, trainees, and community partners to deliver accessible, evidence based education on conditions such as metabolic dysfunction associated fatty liver disease, alcohol associated liver disease, viral hepatitis, cirrhosis, and hepatocellular carcinoma, with emphasis on prevention and early identification.

LHC serves as a bridge between healthcare systems and underserved populations by integrating volunteer clinical expertise with equity oriented outreach and culturally grounded engagement. Its work is designed for the community and driven by the community, with the goal of supporting sustainable improvements in liver health outcomes across diverse and high risk groups.

Looking Ahead

We are excited to move forward with this partnership and build a healthier future for some of our community's most vulnerable members. By combining Alberta Homeless Foundation's field capabilities with Liver Health Connects medical expertise, together we aim to enhance access to care, provide comprehensive support, and improve liver health outcomes for those most in need. This collaboration marks the beginning of a meaningful journey toward sustainable community health improvements. We aim to have enhanced care pathways prepared for launch in Q1 2026. Check albertahomelessfoundation.ca and liverhealthconnect.com for updates.