

# Desmond House Impact Statement 2025



## About Desmond House

Desmond House is a licensed 24-hour residential program supporting adults 50+ with diverse abilities and complex health needs. The home operates at full capacity with four permanent residents and one respite bed. Services focus on providing a safe, stable environment where residents can age in place with dignity, consistent supports, and individualized care.

## Practice Principles

Desmond House is guided by person-centered, respectful, and compassionate care that recognizes each resident as an individual. We promote dignity, privacy, autonomy, and meaningful choice while supporting residents to age in place within a safe, familiar home environment. End-of-life care is provided with comfort, compassion, and family involvement, honoring each resident's wishes. Health and safety practices are proactive and individualized, supported by strong communication and collaborative relationships to ensure consistent, high-quality care.

## Successes

Desmond House continues to demonstrate strong outcomes through positive relationships and consistent, high-quality care. Families feel informed, involved, and confident, supported by improved communication and consistency in routines, health monitoring, and individualized supports. The program has shown clear impact through successful transitions, with several individuals moving from respite into permanent residency, ensuring stability and continuity of care. Community engagement remains a priority, with inclusive events fostering connection, participation, and a sense of belonging for residents and families. The greenhouse initiative further enhances quality of life by encouraging meaningful daily activities, skill development, and access to fresh food. Overall, Desmond House provides a supportive environment that promotes stability, growth, community connection, and improved well-being for all individuals served.

## Community Connections

- Vista Day Program
- Options and Opportunities
- Thompson Community Services
- Interior Health /HSCL/OT/Physiotherapy
- Community Inclusion
- ICS Skill Development
- Tournament Capital Center
- TNRD Library
- Falcon Lanes Bowling
- City of Kamloops Parks and Recreations
- Family Visits
- Llama Sanctuary
- Kamloops Senior Centre