

Steve Lurie's letter to the Toronto Star, September 1, 2011, in response to "How the mayor could save 100 million"

Improving access to services and supports makes sense, but the major impediment to downsizing the hostel system is the lack of affordable and supportive housing in Toronto for people living with mental illness. The wait list for supportive housing is over 3,000. Ironically a rent supplement which allows people to access supportive housing costs less than \$20 per day compared with the \$73 daily cost of shelters.