

## **David Walsh - A Supportive Housing Model (Workshop)**

The general objective of our workshop was to outline the unique supportive community housing model we have developed for the 21 residents at our Broadview houses and to discuss the effectiveness of the model; and how it is different from other alternatives being offered for individuals coming out of addiction treatment programs and/or other supportive housing arrangements. This housing model is unique in the way that it is self-managed by the residents with some outside accountability support and with weekly house meetings for internal communications and individual accountability. Also, the houses are self-funding, except for the coordination and administrative functions. The overall relapse rate for people completing addiction treatment is estimated to be over 90%. The relapse rate for individuals living in our homes is under 25%.

Our conversation about this housing model included:

- The entrepreneurial nature of the project
- a review of the project on Broadview Ave. since it began in May 2006.
- a review of how many individuals have lived in these houses and why they have left.
- an outline of the living & support arrangements at the house
- an outline of the management structure of the of the houses including the contributions by residents and other people from 6 St. Joseph – [www.6stjoseph.ca](http://www.6stjoseph.ca) and from the Alano Club – [www.alanobroadview.ca](http://www.alanobroadview.ca)
- our outreach to the Riverdale community and to other organizations serving people with addictions and mental health challenges.