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# HONOUR & HOPE HARVEST DINNER

in support of our  Shelter U program

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**September 25, 2026 | Southlands Community Church | 85 Keslar Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 6A5**



*Dear Friends and Supporters,*

*Booth University College is excited to announce our first Gala Fundraising event with the theme of “**Honour & Hope.**” This special evening will celebrate the transformative power of education, the strength of community, and the unwavering commitment to building a brighter future for all.*

*As a Christian institution rooted in The Salvation Army’s 150-year history of caring for the vulnerable, Booth University College brings together “Christian faith, rigorous scholarship and a passion for service,” and our newest initiative—the **Shelter U (University) program**—is a powerful expression of that mission in action.*

*The purpose of the Gala is to to raise awareness and funds to support Shelter U, a unique and compassionate program that provides free post-secondary education to individuals currently residing at the Winnipeg Centre of Hope. This centre, owned and operated by The Salvation Army, is a place of refuge, support, and restoration for those experiencing homelessness and complex life challenges. It is a space where hope is rekindled and where dignity is restored.*

*Homelessness is not just a housing issue—it is a complex and systemic challenge that affects real people, each with a story, a past, and the potential for a better future. Shelter U aims to be a catalyst for transformation, helping participants to discover their worth, reclaim hope, and build a sense of purpose through “**Education for a Better World.**”*

*This Gala is more than an evening of celebration—it is an opportunity for our friends and partners to become sponsors and champions of real, meaningful change. Your sponsorship and support will not only make this event a success, but it will also directly impact lives and contribute to a stronger, more compassionate Winnipeg. When we uplift those on the margins and invest in their potential, we all benefit—as neighbours, as citizens, and as a city.*

*We invite you to join us in embodying Honour & Hope.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rob Fringer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

*With gratitude,*

*Rev. Dr. Rob A. Fringer*

*President of Booth University College*

# ShelterU **Breaking Barriers to Education.**

At Booth University College in Winnipeg, 'Education for a Better World' just got a just got more practical.

In Fall 2024, Booth UC launched **Shelter U**, a pilot program offering free university-level education to individuals facing economic precariousness, housing insecurity, and forced displacement, including those experiencing homelessness.

# ShelterU **Built for Accessibility.**

- Students are referred from community agencies across Winnipeg's inner city
- Classes are co-hosted at The Salvation Army Centre of Hope
- Tuition is free, and all students receive laptops and course materials
- Students attend alongside Booth UC students for a shared classroom experience
- Shelter staff participate in learning activities and provide support outside class

*Funding is shared by Booth UC, The Salvation Army Centre of Hope, and local private donors.*

## **Graduates of the program receive:**

- A certificate of completion
- A letter of reference and support
- Automatic readmission into future Shelter U courses.

## A Vision for Transformation

*"Shelter U aims to overcome barriers to education having to do with economic precariousness and forced displacement," says Aaron Klassen, pilot director and Assistant Professor of Sociology at Booth UC and Program Director of Community and Urban Transformation Studies (CUT).*

*He continues,*

*"For students in the CUT program, and for other Booth UC students seeking practicum credit, it will offer the opportunity to gain practical experience with an inner-city-based agency working with the vulnerable, while also connecting that experience to wider urban communities and policies affecting refugees and people experiencing homelessness."*

*Klassen goes on to explain:*

*"And as an innovative research program for Booth UC, it also represents some of the exciting collaborative work we do."*



# HONOUR & HOPE GALA

Booth University College invites you to support our Shelter-U Program September 26, 2025  
Southlands Community Church | Gates open at 5:30pm, event starts 6:00pm.  
Guest speaker: Dr. Stephen Borys

## Sponsorship Level:

☐ Gold | \$4,000    ☐ Silver | \$1,500    ☐ Bronze | \$900    ☐ In-Kind (See below)

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8 complimentary tickets

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Quarter Page Ad in program

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# Meet The Guest Speaker:

Dr. Stephen D. Borys, PhD, OM, DLitt  
President, Civic Muse, Inc.  
Former Director & CEO,  
Winnipeg Art Gallery – Qaumajuq



Dr. Stephen Borys is President of Civic Muse, Inc., a consulting initiative dedicated to advancing the power of arts and culture in community transformation. He recently concluded a 17-year tenure as Director & CEO of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, where he led the creation of Qaumajuq—the world's first Inuit Art Centre.

He and his team drew more than \$135 million in donated money, artwork, and sponsorships in less than two decades, fueling one of the most significant cultural renewals in the country.

A respected museum and community leader, Dr. Borys believes the arts and humanities can guide us toward more resilient, just, and healthy communities. He is a member of the Order of Manitoba and holds a PhD in Art and Architectural History, along with honorary and professional distinctions including DLitt.

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