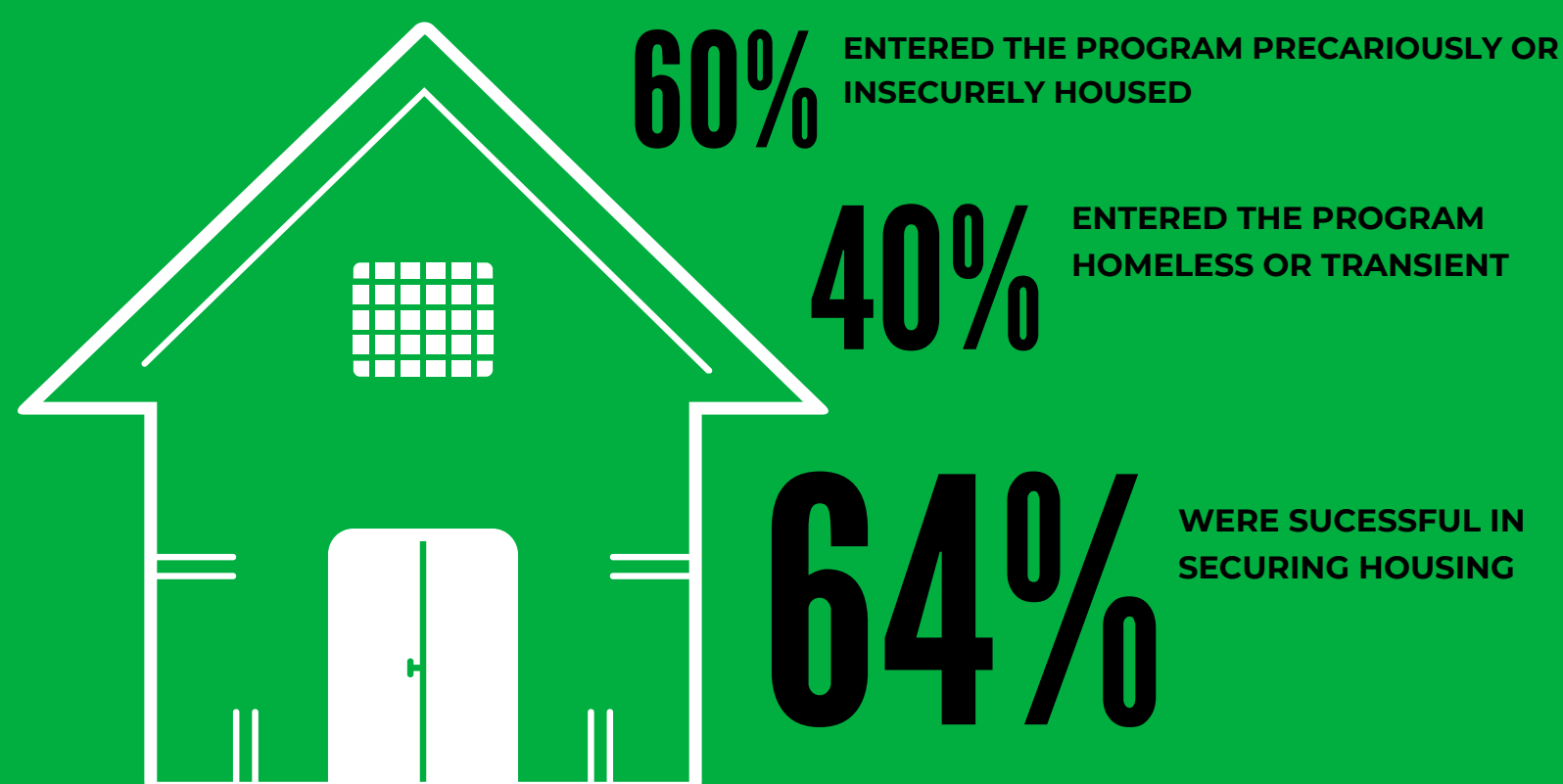


In the fall of 2018, BIST received an Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grant for a Homeless Prevention Coordinator (HPC), who assisted 32 individuals living with brain injury over a 1-year period in securing housing. Here are the results.



## 100% OF PARTICIPANTS

- Demonstrated cognitive impairments
- Required assistance initiating searches
- Needed help with housing providers, medical professionals & other service providers.

**69%**

Were experiencing a mental health issue

**25%**

Were determined to be illiterate

**56%**

Were socially disconnected

### IMPORTANT FACTS

Almost **half of participants were disconnected from primary health care services**, partly because they felt they could not articulate their concerns effectively to their doctor.



**20% of participants did not have a valid health card** or know where to get one



Over half of participants only had the HPC to come with them to attend appointments etc. **Relationships with family /friends had deteriorated to being non-existent.**



### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Advocate to reinstate the Toronto Housing Allowance Program (THAP) & increase social assistance rates to align with the Toronto Housing Market standard.
- Secure funding to support participants with the difference in rental payments for what they afford and what the actual cost is.
- Ensure income taxes are filled so participants receive all the benefits they are entitled to.
- Apply for all entitlements (diet, transportation, criminal injury, Trillium Drug Benefit etc.)
- Assist participants on ODSP to secure a transit pass

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