



My name is  
**Michelle Maldonado**  
and I am running for  
re-election as  
**Director At-Large**  
**on the CHF Canada Board.**

First, let me say thank you for the opportunity to serve this great sector as Director At-Large on the CHF Canada Board these past 2 years. I truly love fulfilling this post and hope to continue.

I have lived in Swansea Village Co-op my whole life, I have been an active member at the local & national level for the past 12 years, and I work in co-op housing as a co-op Coordinator. I clearly love co-op housing.. and I always will!

**If re-elected to the CHF Canada Board, I would commit to:**

- **Continue to press all levels of government** for continued subsidy funding past the end of our member co-ops' operating agreements.
- Help prepare our co-ops for a successful future by putting forth creative ways to **help our member co-ops excel in issues that help strengthen co-ops when carried out successfully:** Good Governance, Sound Management, Financial Security, Diversity, Aging In Place, Leadership Renewal, and Environmental Sustainability (all of which are issues that I have experience in).
- Continue to come up with **new and effective ways of meeting our members' needs** in this time of great change.
- **Encourage networking** between housing co-ops across Canada, and between our sector and other types of local & international co-ops.
- **Ensure that CHF Canada achieves the goals it has set for its members.** The coming years are crucial and I am determined to make sure that the goals CHF Canada set (with my input as a Director At-Large these past 2 years) are successfully carried out.

I am truly passionate about doing everything I can to help advance our co-op housing movement. Co-op housing allows for a unique way of living and a unique model of community.

I want to bring my experience, my passion, my drive, and my ideas back to the CHF Canada table to ensure our co-op housing communities continue past the End of Operating Agreement era and well into the future.

## **Michelle Maldonado's list of co-op housing experience:**

- Member of Swansea Village Co-op in Toronto since 2001, and have lived there my whole life. Member of various and was their delegate to the CHFC AGM in 2007, 2008, 2009. Founder & Chair of the Green Committee. Served on the Board of Directors twice as Vice-President.
- Vice-President on the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto's Board of Directors, 2010-present.
  - Championed the creation of a new Green Award to promote environmental sustainability among our member co-ops
  - Organized an All Candidates 'Meet and Greet' event at a local co-op in the High Park-Parkdale riding during the 2011 Provincial Election
- Presented the launch of the new 2020 Vision website and promotional video at the 2010 AGM.
- Represented Young Members and Leadership Renewal in co-ops via the "Be the One" video and the 'Involving Youth in the Governance of our Housing Co-operatives" presentation at the 2011 AGM.
- Rooftops Canada volunteer
  - Helped host National Cooperative Housing Union (NACHU) of Kenya and the Zimbabwe National Association of Housing Cooperatives (ZINAHCO) visitors while in Toronto and Niagara Falls in 2012.
  - Fundraiser for the "Tanzania: Building Homes, Building Lives" campaign 2012.
- CHF Canada Director-At-Large 2011-2013, and Director appointed to the national Diversity Committee 2011-2012
- Coordinator of 2 housing co-ops in Toronto
- I love to visit other co-ops and share in their discussions about important issues that affect our members, and celebrate with them as they achieve great milestones in their co-op.
- Educated, experienced in, and passionate about: Protection of Co-op Housing, Preparing our co-ops for post-operating agreement era, Environmental Sustainability, Diversity, Aging in Place, Good Governance, Sound Management, Project planning, Financial stewardship, Young Member Engagement & Renewed Leadership, and Promoting co-op housing.

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