# PILLAR nonprofit network

# Social Innovation Shared Space

**VISION:** The Social Innovation Shared Space will create a place for co-working, nurturing new ideas and fostering social innovation and positive community change.

**ADJUSTED REQUEST FOR 2015:** Pillar is requesting additional funding to support start-up costs associated with the new Social Innovation Shared Space and to provide enhanced services with a self-sufficiency model:

- **1.** Start-up one-time capital funding of \$289,000 for accessibility improvements (including exterior ramp and barrier free washrooms) (2015)
- 2. One-time start up costs \$50,000 (such as architect and consultant fees) (2015)

\*Federal (\$50,000 for accessibility that needs to be matched) and provincial government (\$600,000 for Solutions Lab and Social Enterprise Demonstration Fund) have both been asked to invest in the Social Innovation Shared Space

\*Operating request will come forward in 2016 according to new Strategic Funding Framework

# A STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN THIS PROJECT BY THE CITY OF LONDON WILL:

#### **Growing our Economy**

- Downtown Revitalization
- 50-100 New Jobs
- Over \$500,000 for Loans for Social Enterprise
- Sustainability of Nonprofits
- Transformational Change

#### **Strengthen our Community**

- Home to DiverseCity onBoard – a national board diversity project
- New home to London Heritage Council & London Arts Council
- Accessible Building & Programs

#### **Building a Sustainable City**

- Green Building
- Alternative Transportation (bikes, autoshare, public transit)
- Green Custodial Services
- Environmentally Focused Tenants
- Green Education Program

#### Leading in Public Service

- Collaboration & collective impact
- Leadership Beyond the Box
- Social Innovations to Solve Wicked Problems that include Government

## CREATING A RICH ECOSYSTEM OF SOCIAL INNOVATION SUPPORTS

# **London Life Solutions Lab**

Solutions Labs and Design Labs use models that engage diverse perspectives and voices in the process of exploring and testing solutions to big problems and the needs of a community. With the support of an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant and London Life, our Social Innovation Shared Space will launch exciting new activities to establish a Solutions Lab in our community to address systemic problems.

#### Social Enterprise Lab

The Social Enterprise Lab supports and nurtures for-profit social purpose businesses and nonprofit social enterprises that use market forces to make positive contributions to the well-being of our community. The Lab offers a comprehensive support system for **social enterprise** to grow and flourish. Services provided include start-up supports, access to social financing, coaching and connections to resources.

# **Social Finance Lab**

Co-Founder of VERGE, a community capital collective that will provide social finance support to London's emerging for-profit social purpose businesses and social enterprises. VERGE connects local caring investors with local enterprises that have a social or environmental mission at their core.

### PROSPECTIVE TENANTS

- 1. Pillar Nonprofit Network
- 2. London Arts Council / London Heritage Council
- 3. Kovacs Group Inc.
- 4. London LINK Magazine
- 5. Brain Injury Association of London & Region
- 6. London Fringe Theatre Festival
- 7. Daya Counselling Centre
- 8. McLeod Network Media
- 9. Glen Farms Herbs & Preserves Inc.
- 10. Goodwill
- 11. Emerging Leaders
- 12. Fanshawe College
- 13. Research Centre for Health Equity & Social Inclusion
- 14. Western Community Legal Services
- 15. Advanced Studies in Arts & Humanities
- 16. Goodwill Industries, Ontario Great Lakes
- 17. Horizon Leadership Institute Inc.

- Tamarack An Institute for Community Engagement
- 19. London Youth Advisory Council
- 20. Social Finance London
- 21. The Social Beehive
- 22. mindyourmind
- 23. Growing Chefs
- 24. Techalliance of Southwestern Ontario
- 25. Connect for Mental Health
- 26. UnLondon
- 27. Redtape Legal Services Professional Corporation
- 28. Johnny Fansher & Ten Star Financial (SRI)
- 29. rtraction
- 30. Mischievous Cat Productions
- 31. Big Game Road Trips
- 32. Neighbourhood Watch
- 33. Autism Ontario London
- 34. Thames Valley District School Board

# Pillar is an organization that supports London's growing nonprofit sector

- Pillar was the voice of 100 organizations in 2007 it is now the voice of over 340 member organizations.
- Pillar has leveraged **1.5 million dollars** for the London community in provincial, federal and private and public foundation grants.

PILLAR'S VISION	PILLAR'S MISSION
A stronger nonprofit sector for an engaged,	To strengthen the impact of the
inclusive and vibrant community.	nonprofit sector.

AN INVESTMENT IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR ★ AN INVESTMENT IN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ★ AN INVESTMENT IN LONDON