

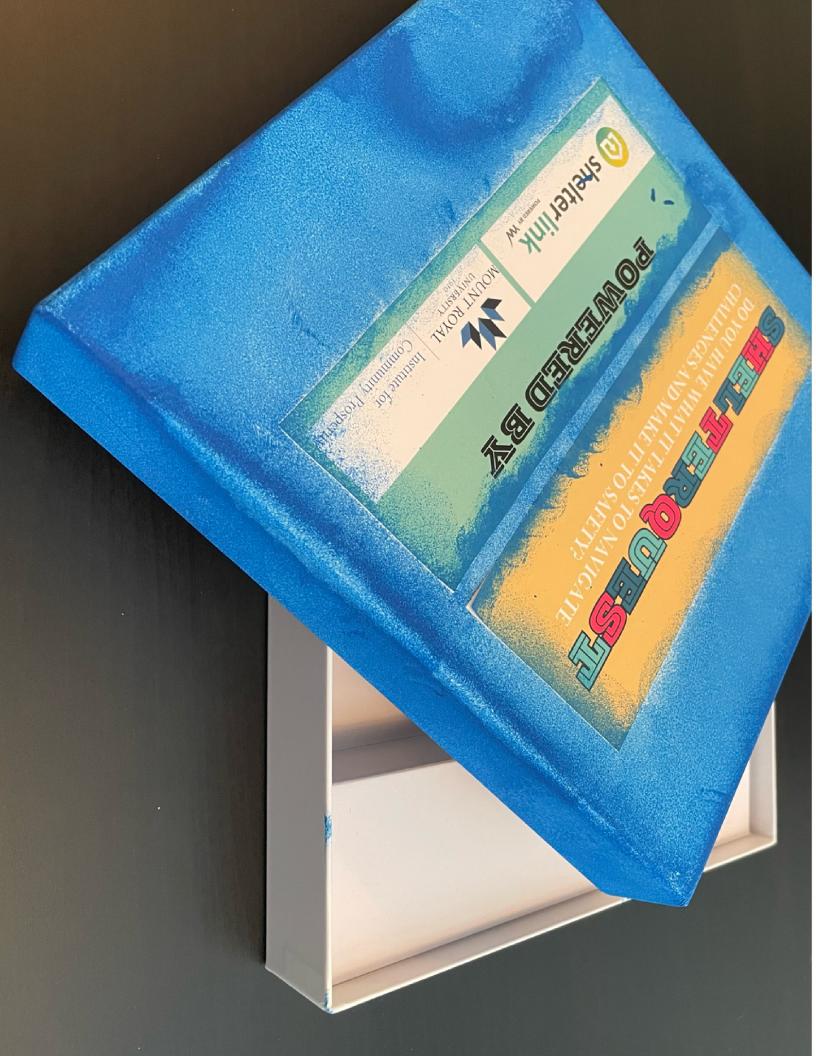
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO NAVIGATE CHALLENGES AND MAKE IT TO SAFETY?

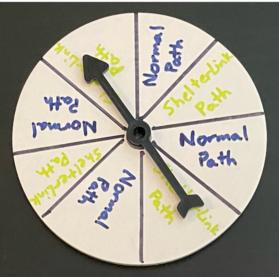






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ShelterQuest Artistic Statement

ShelterQuest is a board game entrenched in a narrative journey that plunges players into the often overlooked struggles faced by victims of domestic violence when seeking support. This game is a poignant exploration of the barriers, setbacks, and emotional toll often experienced by those attempting to find safety amidst chaos. In crafting ShelterQuest, I wanted to highlight the struggles women and families face when trying to find their way through the complex shelter and support systems in Calgary. Through the lens of gameplay, players confront the harsh realities of rejection, setbacks, and the scarcity of resources, mirroring the uphill battle that victims face in the real world.

At the heart of ShelterQuest lies ShelterLink, a beacon of hope amidst the darkness. Unlike the normal path in blue that is fraught with obstacles, the ShelterLink path offers a smoother, more accessible route to safety. By highlighting the importance of streamlined support systems, the game underscores the transformative impact of efficient, compassionate assistance on the lives of survivors. Each roll of the dice made in ShelterQuest reflects the delicate balance between resilience and vulnerability. It is a testament to the courage and tenacity required to break free from the cycle of abuse and rebuild a life shattered by violence. Through its immersive gameplay and thought-provoking narrative, ShelterQuest serves as both a catalyst for empathy and a call to action. My hope is to inspire its players to advocate for systemic change and stand in solidarity with those in need of refuge and support.