



Jeremy's Memorial Foundation Against Domestic Violence

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEWSLETTER

I guess you're wondering what we've been up to for the last six months. May and June were busy months. With grateful hearts, we received many hundreds of gifts for distribution to the local transition houses. We also purchased lots of new pajamas to fill the needs of 11 houses. The volume of donated goods, is really a site to behold. The workers at the transition houses really appreciate being able to put a smile on the faces of so many women and children in need of comfort from the community. Every little bit helps.

We also received a large donation for backpacks and school supplies in time for the start of the school year. This year we found backpacks that had pencil cases, water bottles and lunch bags included. The moms and kids are so grateful for this kind of help.

I'm so very grateful to our volunteers who prepare the goods for shipments to the houses. It takes many hours of purchasing, folding and tagging pajamas and purchasing backpacks and school supplies. Other groups put in lots of hours purchasing goods for hygiene kits and stuffing the bags. Some do fundraising on our behalf. The goods have to be sorted and boxed for shipment. It really is a massive labour of love.

Delta's first transition house for women and children fleeing domestic violence opened its doors in August of this year. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to add Azure Place Transition House to our distribution list. We will be sending our first shipment to them this fall. As it turns out, the third organization we chose to support back in 2004 was Women in Need Gaining Strength (W.I.N.G.S.). We began by providing our specialized monthly planners for Monarch Place in New Westminster. W.I.N.G.S. is now operating the new house in Delta. See more on p.2

Our existing website needs updating as the format doesn't work well with the current technology. We've been working hard preparing information for a complete overhaul of our website. It has taken longer than we originally anticipated so we are not ready to launch the update yet. We are hoping to get it finished this winter. We will let you know when the launch takes place.

Thank you again for all your kind words, thoughts, and deeds all year long. Your generosity is what makes this work possible. We wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season!

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Donna

W.I.N.G.S.

Monarch Place Transition House is one of the programs of W.I.N.G.S. (Women in Need Gaining Strength) Fellowship Ministries. Their mission statement is: ***“WINGS exists to provide women and children in need the opportunity to gain strength and to live according to their true worth.”*** They offer shelter and support to women and children fleeing domestic violence.

Monarch Place Transition House is equipped to welcome 12 women and children at one time for a maximum stay of 30 days. They accommodated 224 women and children in 2016.

Azure Place Transition House is an 8 bed first-stage transition house for women and their dependent children who are at risk for violence or have experienced violence in their homes. It offers services related to their experience and risk, and is open to everyone regardless of their ethno-cultural background, religious beliefs, physical ability, health, mental wellness, social context, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Both houses offer:

- a safe and secure environment.
- 24 hours per day staffing by caring professionals
- immediate needs of food, clothing, and shelter.
- a vital support through counselling, referrals to other agencies and networks in the community, life skills training, and advocacy assistance.

Some feedback comments Monarch received lets them and us know that their service is both meaningful and transforming for the women and children who stayed there:

- “I was almost a homeless woman when I got here...but every single day being here I learned something new and got my confidence back to overcome.”
- “My stay was very warm and welcoming. I felt at home! Above all, I felt safe and secure.”
- “This has been the most wonderful, overwhelming experience I ever had in my life. Thank you for all you have done for me.”
- “In perspective, you saved my life.”

These comments were part of a thank you letter we received from Monarch Place. In 2016, we provided them with: 300 Monthly Planners, 76 pajamas, hygiene kits, individual size toiletries, full size toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorants, lotions, shampoos & conditioners, perfume, makeup, nail products, back packs with school supplies, water bottles, some clothing, lots of hand crafted items (knitted and crocheted), toys, gift cards and more.

Azure Place is Delta’s first transition house for women and children fleeing domestic violence. This is a picture of one of the bedrooms.



Fundraising and Donor Appreciation

Thank you to all of our supporters who have chosen to selflessly give. The help comes in many forms memberships, donations, supporting a fundraiser, gifts in kind and more. Between April 2001 – October 2017, we have raised a total of \$378,103.

We would like to acknowledge the following Groups and Companies that donated between May and Oct 2017.

EnviroSafety
Foresters Pacific Rim Branch
Hoe!Hoe!Hoe! Gardening Services Ltd.

Knitting Sisters
Telus

Normally due to confidentiality we do not list private donors, but with her permission, we would like to thank Christine Munch for her amazing generosity. We are thrilled that she has chosen to support our charity. It has made a significant difference to us but more importantly to the women and children who really need our help.

All these gifts and donation continue to make it possible for us to assist the victims of domestic violence. On their behalf we wish to thank you all.



*Thank you for
your support*

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Anyone interested in volunteering or joining our Board, please email jeremysfoundation2001@gmail.com

Some Important Phone Numbers

Helpline for Children

310-1234 Call any time day or night to speak to a social worker. This is a toll-free service. This helpline is available for children, parents, and other community members to report abuse.

Kids Help Phone

Children and teens can call the Kids Help Phone to speak to a counsellor day or night at **1-800-668-6868**. Counsellors are available to speak to anonymously about concerns with abuse and can help children and teens call the police or child protective services.

VictimLinkBC

If you or someone you know is a victim of crime and need more information or support, call **1-800-563-0808** for toll-free, confidential, multilingual service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

From <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/te7721>

We need your help

- Please make a donation.
 - Send a cheque payable to Jeremy's Memorial Foundation. To receive a tax receipt, please include your name, address, postal code and phone number with your donation.
 - Donate securely online through CanadaHelps.org by any one of the following:
Interac, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or PayPal. (Access CanadaHelps.org directly or through our website.) You will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps.
You can do a one-time donation or set up monthly contributions.
- Donate your Canadian Tire Money, it all adds up. Once we collect enough, we purchase Canadian Tire gift cards to give to the Transition Houses. So far we've been able to trade for \$310 in gift cards.
- Donate pjs and toys (new only please)



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