

Jeremy's Memorial Foundation Against Domestic Violence

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEWSLETTER

I want to start off by expressing my appreciation and gratitude for all your support now and in the future. The distribution in November and December well surpassed previous years. We received an amazing variety and volume of donated items (see page 2) to complement our existing programs of pajamas, monthly planners and children's workbooks. With you, our loyal donors and supporters backing us, we are making a huge difference. One thank you letter we received from a transition house said: "This level of support can truly be life changing and hope is a powerful resource to draw from along a healing journey."

There was an article in the Province Oct 23, 2016 by Sheryl Ubelacker: "**Top doc calls family violence "staggering"**". The top doc referred to is Dr. Gregory Taylor who was Canada's Chief Public Health Officer at the time. He retired in Dec 2016. Physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and murder – family violence is a pervasive but often hidden reality within Canadian society, says the country's top doctor, who calls the scope of the problem "staggering". The health impacts of family violence extend far beyond physical injuries and include poor mental health, psychological and emotional distress, suicide, and increased risk of chronic diseases and conditions such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes. For details from this report, see page 3.

According to Nora Spinks, CEO of the Vanier Institute of the Family, domestic and family violence has always existed. The issue isn't new. What is new is that we're documenting it more, we're more aware of it, and we're talking about it more.

Every level of government and untold numbers of non-profit organizations are involved in educating the public and assisting the victims. In fact, the BC government recently announced that it is investing approximately \$1.8 million toward the purchase and renovations to create a new transition house In Delta. Women's transitional housing provides a valuable short-term solution for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Last year, more than 12,300 women and children were assisted by: provincially-funded transition houses, second-stage housing and safe homes at a cost of roughly \$35 million.

The effects of family abuse are staggering, and the courage it takes someone to leave their home and start over is monumental. Offering the comfort of a new pair of pajamas and other much needed personal gifts does give a message of hope and caring from the community. Thank you for helping us to deliver that message.

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Donna

Fall 2016 Distribution

Your generosity enabled us to help many victims of domestic violence. Your financial support to our programs and the many donated items were distributed to local transition houses and in some cases throughout British Columbia. Thank you for making this huge distribution possible.

- 7,750 monthly planners
- 679 pajamas
- 90 backpacks
- 120 logo backpacks
- 60 water bottles



Hygiene kits and PJs

- Toys, toiletries, new clothes, slippers makeup & more from Assessment Dept at WorksafeBC plus assorted gift cards totaling \$1,404 (Shoppers, Itunes, McDonalds, Tim Hortons, Save On Foods, Subway, Walmart, Starbucks, McCafe, Cineplex passes)



Hygiene products



Toys and so much more



- From one amazing donor : 120 toothpaste & 92 toothbrushes, 46 deodorant, 10 body wash, 10 shampoo & conditioner, 12 conditioner, 26 shampoo, 27 lotions, 3 lrg combs, 17 journals, 12 pen sets, 6 book marks, 13 totes plus boxes full of toys, pajamas and back packs.
- Knitting Sisters- 441 hand crafted items including over 100 much needed toques.
- Maple Knitters fundraised for us and also donated 29 lovely knitted and crocheted items.
- And others gave purses, gloves, make up bags, Mary Kay kits and much, much more.



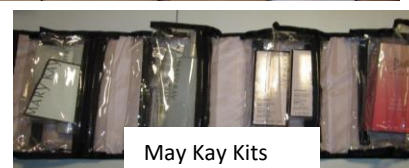
Backpacks



Journals and pen sets



Monthly Planners ready to ship



Mary Kay Kits

More findings from Canada's Chief Public Health Officer's report.

In 2014, the latest year for which statistics are available, almost 58,000 girls and women were victims of family violence.

Every 4 days, on woman in Canada was killed by a family member

Every 6 days, a woman was killed by an intimate partner

Every 23 days, a man was murdered by a partner

There's no question that women bear the brunt of the most severe forms of family violence but men and boys are victims as well.

Every day, about 230 Canadians report being victims of family violence.

"The estimates are that 70% of family violence is unreported, so we're just seeing the tip of the iceberg."

Spring Plants Sale



Poinsettia Sale



Fundraising

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.

From April 2001 – April 2017, we have raised a total of \$365,912

Thank you!

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- 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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