



# ***Jeremy's Memorial Foundation Against Domestic Violence***

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NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a wonderful network of people that have joined us in our journey to assist women and children who are victims of domestic violence. From the nine year old that donated his Canadian Tire money, to the elderly group in their 80's and 90's knitting and fundraising for us. There are so many individuals, groups and companies that give again and again. Special thanks to the managers of La Vie en Rose that gifted us rather than holding their traditional Xmas gift exchange, to the Assessment Department of WorkSafe BC that fundraise for us all year long. We thank everyone for the new pajamas, toys, hygiene products, blankets and so much more that you donate throughout the year. Please know that everything you do is very much appreciated by us, but more importantly makes a huge difference to those in need. You have made a significant contribution into creating hope and self-worth in the lives of many women and children.

Thank you for again supporting our plant sale fundraisers in the spring and winter this year. The sales continue to increase. We have implemented a new fundraiser that anyone can participate in quite easily. Refund money from empty beverage containers taken to any "Return-It Express" can be donated to us by simply printing a label using our phone number 604-275-7234. You will find more details on page 2.

It is important we continue our commitment to help the victims of domestic violence. Researchers reported last year that Canada's domestic homicide rates have not declined in recent years, despite efforts to tackle intimate partner violence. This applies to all levels of abuse. The victims, and rightly so, are reluctant to speak out, due to fear. The feeling of shame is another major factor. No family is immune from violence, no matter how happy they may seem. Domestic violence has long been a taboo subject but awareness does seem to be increasing, be it ever so slowly.

As always, some humans are very cruel and inflict harm and pain on others. But, it is heartening to know there is much love, kindness, generosity, empathy, compassion and loyalty in our families, friends and community.

I thank you again and we truly appreciate your support.

**TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

*Donna*

## Drink Container Fundraiser

**NEW!**



**No sorting    No counting    It's that simple**

You can donate the deposit on drink containers to our Foundation. Any beverage container purchased with a deposit charge in BC is acceptable. Simply put your returnable drink containers into a clear or transparent bag and tie it shut. There is no need to sort or count the containers.

Take the plastic bags filled with returnable drink containers to any of the **Return-It Express** depots. At the Return-It Express kiosk enter our phone number (**604-275-7234**) and request a label for each plastic bag. The machine prints out the labels and you stick one on each sealed bag and leave it with them. The Return-It Express employees will sort and count the containers and credit our foundation's account.

There is a 6 bag limit per visit.

You help save the environment and make a donation to our Foundation at the same time.

For Return-It Express depot locations go to [return-it.ca/locations](http://return-it.ca/locations)

Thank you in advance for your support.

## Envirosafety

The Back to School Backpack Program was created in 2010 by and solely funded by EnviroSafety. The backpacks, filled with school supplies, are for the children in the transition houses that we support.

Well over 100 backpacks have gone to transition houses annually since the program started. Some of the backpacks have made their way to other programs for kids such as the Children Who Witness Abuse Program. This year we distributed 120 backpacks.

In October of this year EnviroSafety contributed additional funding that allowed us to supply the houses with numerous adult and children's umbrellas, stroller rain shields, rain ponchos and journals. We were also able to purchase 200 pairs of pajamas.

These gifts make an immediate and tangible difference to the lives of many women and children who have been impacted in a terrible way by domestic violence.

## Board of Directors      Elected Sept 2019

Donna Gillette	President	Bob Meister	Director
Gary Menendez	Vice President	Gail Rawle	Director
Toki Menendez	Secretary	Bonnie Rumley	Director
Christine Halston	Treasurer		

### Adele Stapleton

Sadly, we lost one of our past directors and very dear friend. Adele Stapleton was a dedicated volunteer from Nov 2001 to Nov 2019. Adele was always cheerful and willing to take on any task. Adele, born on Apr 5, 1940 in Vancouver, succumbed to leukemia and passed peacefully on Nov 26, 2019. She continued her volunteer work for us from afar after moving to Kamloops in 2006. She was much loved and will be dearly missed.



### Distribution in 2019

Your wonderful gifts offer comfort, encouragement and hope. Knowing complete strangers care and are sensitive to their immediate needs, helps to reduce their feeling of isolation.

Below are items distributed to the women and children from our foundation in 2019:

1,319 pajamas tagged with a poem

107 string bag hygiene kits also referred to as welcome kits

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, hygiene products, toys, summer clothes and more

120 backpacks including some school supplies

7,950 monthly planners distributed throughout BC

170 children's workbooks "THERE'S ONLY ONE ME!"

120 umbrellas, 20 stroller covers, 60 rain ponchos

A huge volume of new toys, books, clothing, blankets, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear and journals

Hundreds of dollars in gift cards

Bags of beautifully knit and crocheted items

Thank you to all of our supporters who have chosen to selflessly give.

From Apr 2001 – Apr 2019, we have raised a total of \$444.690.

Thanks for your  
support!

## Donors Appreciation

Your generous gifts make it possible for us to assist the victims of domestic violence. On their behalf we wish to acknowledge you and thank you.

(Due to confidentiality we do not list private donors in our newsletter).

### Donors (May – Nov 2019)

EnviroSafety  
Knitting Sisters  
La Vie en Rose Managers  
Lillooet Friendship Centre Society  
Maple Knitters

Pay Pal Giving Fund Canada  
Staples –Sweden Way in Richmond  
Telus  
YPI group



### 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:  
Interact, 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 cards to give to the Transition Houses.
- Donate pajamas and toys (new only please)
- Donate the deposit on drink containers. Take them to a Return-It Express depot, enter our phone (604-275-7234) and print the bag label(s).



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