



# *Jeremy's Memorial Foundation Against Domestic Violence*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Pandemic made 2020 a very challenging year for everyone. The restrictions needed to keep everyone safe, also prevented us from our regular fundraisers and work parties. For the first time since 2004, we were not able to distribute our Monthly Planners. The 60 organizations affected were saddened but very understanding.

There are so many groups and individuals that have continued to support us in spite of all the limited ways we are permitted to interact. These donors really came through for us with their amazing generosity. Their loyal support encourages and inspires us more than you know. You will find more details on page 2.

We held our Annual General Meeting (our 19th) in September by Zoom. We managed to do our spring and fall distribution of pajamas and other miscellaneous donated goods. Also, the backpacks were delivered to the houses in time for school start up in September. I am so grateful to my wonderful Board of Directors for all the extra effort this year.

So far, we have supplied transition houses with over 11,000 pairs of pajamas, over 101,000 monthly planners, over 4,200 children's workbooks, over 1,100 backpacks with school supplies, almost 1,000 hygiene kits in string bags and thousands of knitted goods plus thousands of miscellaneous of other gifts. That includes such things as toys, books, makeup, journals, gift cards, clothing and so much more. This year included some COVID supplies- masks, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer and disposable gloves.

It's hard to believe that our 20th Anniversary is coming up this spring. As you know, this charity was founded in loving memory of Jeremy who would have been celebrating his 30th Birthday this coming April. Jeremy was just 3 years old when he died because of domestic violence. Who could have guessed how much good could come from such an excruciating tragedy?

Thank you for choosing to go on this journey with us. It's our wonderful, supportive donors that make this work possible.

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Thanks again and Best Wishes to you all in 2021.

*Donna*

NEWSLETTER

## Donors Appreciation

Your gifts make it possible for us to assist the victims of domestic violence. Please know that lives are forever changed and impacted in such positive ways because of you. On their behalf we wish to acknowledge and thank you.

The following groups have been supporting us for many years and we are so grateful for their generous and continued support.

WorkSafeBC assessment department, the Joint Diversity Committee and Helping Hands raised funds for us in recognition of gender-based and family violence and White Ribbon Day. Amazingly, we received \$7,226.89 despite the fact that many staff members are working at home due to the Pandemic.

The Arts Connection did it again. The parents and children donated \$2,000 plus lots of pajamas (over 150 pr). Fantastic!

Envirosafety helped the children by funding the back-to-school backpack project once again. 100 Backpacks including school supplies were delivered this year.

The Maple Knitters create amazing items, then sell them and donate the proceeds to us (about \$1,000 this year)

The Knitting Sisters have been keeping their fingers busy contributing over 250 items (blankets, slippers, touques, and more)

Foresters Pacific Rim Branch- several of their members applied for grants, shopped and donated 151 string bag hygiene kits, 178 pajamas and COVID supplies.

There's also the Fraser Chapter #30 of the Eastern Star, St. David's, M & M Canvas and Staples who all contribute annually.

La Vie en Rose continues to help us out with discounted ladies' pajamas. They have helped us immensely with keeping our costs down.

Between May – Dec 2020, we also received donations from Hardy Sales Ltd, Pay Pal Giving Fund Canada, Hope & Area Transition Society and Omineca Safe Home Soc.- Vanderhoof.

With everyone's help we have raised a total of \$488,269. This is from our start in Apr 2001 to the end of Dec 2020.



**Thanks  
for your  
support!**



## The Early Years

Jeremy's Memorial Foundation's 20th anniversary is coming up this April and we wanted to share some of our accomplishments. In the early years, we spent a good deal of our time and energy fundraising because we started with no money, a short-term goal of raising \$500 and a big need to help others. We have evolved as the years have passed and this newsletter will review the first ten years. (We will share more in our next newsletter.)

### Year 1

- Original Nova House – We were so excited giving our first gift of bus passes to CHIMO.
- 6 months later we transformed an old storeroom into a lovely quiet room. (They still have a quiet room in the new Nova House with our name on it.)

### Year 2

- CHIMO – fundraised for the new Nova House.
- Options – painted and decorated bedrooms at Virginia Sam.

### Year 3

- CHIMO – furnishings, etc. for the new Nova House and contributed to Teen Relationship Abuse Prevention (TRAP) pilot project.
- Options – painted and decorated bedrooms at Evergreen and had new security & monitoring system for both Evergreen & Virginia Sam installed.
- Our 1st program began – Monthly Planners.

### Year 4

- CHIMO – \$5,000 for Nova House.
- Options – finished painting last 2 bedrooms, put in new carpeting, laminate flooring, new living room furniture, an area rug and had a large outdoor playground installed at Evergreen.
- Our 2nd program – the development of a children's activity book was approved.
- Website development began.

### Year 5

- Website went live (created by volunteers, housed by SFU).
- CHIMO – contributed to a promotional DVD.
- Options – bedding for Virginia Sam, living room drapes for Evergreen and Picnic tables and kitchen chairs for both houses.

### Year 6

- CHIMO – Health and Wellness Program for Nova House \$5,000.
- Options – Evergreen – Replaced an old rat-infested ivy covered shed with a new garden shed and refurbished all kitchen cupboards and drawers. Installed shelters over the front gates, purchased new bed frames and box springs at both Virginia Sam & Evergreen.
- Received numerous new items (toys, etc.) at Xmas time from a group of employees at WorkSafeBC for distribution to the Transition Houses. We sorted it and divided it all up as evenly as we could for Nova House, Virginia Sam and Evergreen. This is still going on every year.

### Year 7

- CHIMO – Nova House Health and Wellness Program 2nd year donation of \$5,000.
- Options – Evergreen - created new inside access to garage storage area, renovated a storage room into a new bedroom, installed laminate flooring, lighting & countertops in kitchen.
- YPI – met with first group of Grade 10 students (usually 4 in a group) working on their YPI project (Youth Philanthropy Initiative). The students research local grassroots charities and choose one to do a presentation to their peers (always great for building awareness). The winning group's charity receives a \$5,000.00 grant provided by the Toskan Casale Foundation.

## Year 8

- CHIMO – CWWA Playroom renovation and White Ribbon/TRAP funding.
- Options – New solid wood dressers and bedside tables for all bedrooms in both houses.
- Monarch – funding for carpeting/floor project.
- YPI - met with two more groups of students.

## Year 9

- Chimo – White Ribbon/TRAP funding.
- Options – new stove for Evergreen.
- Our 3rd program was launched – the PJ Project – pjs for 3 houses-Nova House, Virginia Sam & Evergreen.
- YPI – met with 4 groups of students.
- Our 2nd Program – The Children’s workbook “THERE’S ONLY ONE ME!” was completed and printed. (Feb 2005 – Apr 2010). I am pleased to announce that the printing was entirely funded with donations received in memory of Jennifer. Jennifer saw that this tool had the potential to help a lot of children.

## Year 10

- CHIMO – White Ribbon/TRAP funding.
- Options – Major bathroom reno at Evergreen.
- YPI – met with 6 groups of students and the group from Sands Secondary in Delta won the competition in their school and we were awarded the \$5,000 grant.
- The employees at WorkSafeBC added Xmas in July to their already generous partnership with us. It was entirely their idea and so very much appreciated by the houses. They did it again this year.

## 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 gift cards to give to the Transition Houses.
- Donate pajamas and toys (new only please)
- Donate the deposit on drink containers. Take returnable drink containers in a clear plastic bag to a Return-It Express depot. Enter our phone (604-275-7234) at their kiosk and print a label to attach to each bag. A Return-It employee will sort, count and credit our account.



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