



Jeremy's Memorial Foundation Against Domestic Violence

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEWSLETTER

Thank you for being part of the team. When we distribute pajamas, planners and more to the transition houses, we send along our message of hope, caring and love from the community to those desperately in need of a helping hand.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers who, by definition, put empathy into action to strengthen your community and improve others' quality of life. You may be a knitter, a shopper or an organizer collecting gifts for the Foundation or maybe took the trouble to purge and donate through the Value Village Fundraiser. We are grateful for each kind act.

An employee from the WorkSafeBC Assessment Department passed away this Spring. I would like to acknowledge her many years of loyal work raising funds for our charity. As her boss put it, she was one of your strongest proponents. Her name was Roxanne Spear. Her co-workers knew of her passion for this cause, and many sent along a gift in memory of her. Thank you one and all.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have our spring plant fundraiser again this year. Our nursery was short on staff and could not accommodate us this year. Hopefully, we can get back to normal next year.

Most of our revenue comes from our donors. We are humbled and inspired by the loyalty and generosity of so many individuals and organizations. The Arts Connection really outdid themselves this year. More details on our corporate donors can be found on page 3.

One of the organizations we support is Ishtar Transition House Society. I thought you might enjoy hearing a little more about them.

Together we are making a difference!

Donna

Ishtar Transition House Society, Langley BC

We have been distributing pjs, monthly planners, backpacks and other miscellaneous goods to Ishtar since 2011. Ishtar Transition House Society operates 2 transition houses: Ishtar (a 12 bed home in Langley) and Libra (a 10 bed home in Aldergrove).

From Ishtar's website - Staff at our two Transition Houses will provide you with emotional support and personal assistance. They can put you in touch with agencies and resources offering legal, medical or financial help. They will encourage you to explore your options and will support you through the process of learning to live without violence.

The Society's mission is "To honour, embrace and celebrate the power, resilience, courage and knowledge of all women. We work collaboratively for systemic change where equality means inclusion, opportunity and accessibility for all. We work together locally for a world where all women and girls are safe emotionally, mentally, physically, sexually, spiritually and culturally."

This year has been filled with great challenges that have tested the strength of the women who access the resources of Ishtar, and the staff as well. The positive environment and teamwork have created a healthy home where all women are thriving and utilizing the resources provided.

In the year Apr 2020 - Mar 2021: Ishtar housed 65 women and children but sadly had to turn away triple that many due to lack of space. Libra housed 83 but again had to turn away many more. BC Housing asked that they run at a limited capacity during the pandemic (max 10 residents per house). There is always a huge need, but the pandemic just made the situation worse.

As I have heard from other charities that we support, the clients are staying longer than in past years. Part of the problem is finding affordable housing. According to Ishtar's annual report: It has been a challenge keeping an upbeat and positive atmosphere while maintaining Covid protocols and helping women to achieve their self-determined goals.

Fundraising

We thank you for supporting our Foundation. It comes in many forms such as membership fees, donations, supporting our fundraisers and gifts in kind. Pajamas, toys, backpacks knitted items, hygiene kits are some examples.

From Apr 2001 – Apr 2022, we have raised a total of **\$518,935**

**Thanks for your
support!**

Drink Container Fundraiser

ONGOING!

It's easy - No sorting or counting

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

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. Any beverage container purchased with a deposit charge in BC is acceptable.



Take the filled plastic bags to any **Return-It Express** depot. Look for the Return-It Express kiosk, enter our phone number (**604-275-7234**) and request a label for each plastic bag. The machine will print out the labels and you stick one on each sealed bag and leave them at the counter. The Return-It Express employees will sort, count, and credit our Foundation's account for the containers.

There is a 6 bag limit per visit.

Please note only the Return-It **Express** depots offer this service, it is not available at all Return-It depots. For **Return-It Express** depot locations go to return-it.ca/locations.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Donor 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. Please know that lives are forever changed and impacted in such positive ways because of you.

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

Donors (Dec 2021 – Apr 2022)

Knitting Sisters

M & M Canvas

Maple Knitters

Studio Think

WorkSafe BC Assessment Department

Steveston Art's Connection Ltd.

This year parents and children donated \$3,500 plus 246 pairs of pajamas. This wonderful organization has been supporting us since January 2014. Over the years they have donated almost \$10,000 plus 1,450 pjs. Amazing!!

We are so grateful to everyone. Thank you again.



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Help us Help others

- 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.



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