



Jeremy's Memorial Foundation Against Domestic Violence

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Message from the President

We are mindful of our Vision (*A society without domestic violence where everyone is safe and respected in their own home*) and our Mission (*to help victims of domestic violence while raising awareness of the impact it has on our communities*) as we continue our charitable work. We are blessed to work together with many generous partners and supporters like you. But, until we can celebrate a community free of domestic violence, there will be victims that need our help.

We do three dispersals each year to Transition Houses in the Lower Mainland: Spring, Aug/Sep and Fall. The Spring and Fall distributions include seasonally appropriate new pajamas and whatever miscellaneous donated goods we have received. Some of the pajamas are donated and many more are purchased with donated funds. We contact the houses each cycle to find out the quantity of pjs required. The third distribution takes place in late August or early September in time for back to school. We provide backpacks with some basic school supplies courtesy of SPI Health and Safety Inc. None of this would be possible without you. Thank you so much for your ongoing loyal support.

I have included a list of the charities we are currently involved with on page 2. You will also find more information about the Tri-City Transitions Society on page 2.

Over the years, we have distributed more than 14,000 pajamas for women, boys and girls, 1,296 backpacks and countless toys, books, gift cards, personal hygiene products, beautiful handcrafted items and more. We also ship our specialized children's workbooks "THERE'S ONLY ONE ME!" (4,640 to date) and our monthly planners (101,590 to date) upon request to charities all over BC.

Thousands of women and children have been touched in a comforting way by your kindness, compassion, thoughtfulness, and generosity.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead.

Thank you again,
Donna

NEWSLETTER



Tri-City Transition Society was founded in 1975 and is a respected and established registered charity providing emergency shelter and social support for women and their children.

The Society is here to help victims get their life back on track and start their journey to peace.

Joy's Place is a secure transition house that provides a temporary safe shelter and support for women and their dependent children who are victims of domestic violence or are at risk of experiencing abuse, threats and/or violence. Joy's Place bridges the gap between the woman's abusive household and their new, safe home.

Joy's Place is Tri-City Transitions' second-stage home program that provides a safe haven for women and children who choose to move forward into Domestic Peace. At Joy's Place, they will receive temporary, subsidized, supportive housing that allows them to focus on their own strengths, resilience, independence, self-sufficiency and safety until they can secure a new home of their own.

Women (and their children 10 years of age and under) who have experienced violence can stay in independent living units or suites, safely away from the threat of family violence. While at Joy's Place, they support the victims through education, advocacy, victim services and family law support, workshops and counselling.

Other services include: Family Court Support, Victim Services, Children & Youth Support and Parenting Services.

CHARITIES WE SUPPORT

Organization	Transition House Name	Location
Chimo Community Services	Nova Transition House	Richmond
Options Community Services	Evergreen Transition House	Surrey
Options Community Services	Virginia Sam Transition House	Surrey
Ishtar Transition Housing Society	Ishtar Transition House	Langley
Ishtar Transition Housing Society	Libra Transition House	Aldergrove
Cythera Transition House Society	Cythera Transition House	Maple Ridge
W.I.N.G.S Fellowship Ministries	Monarch Place	New Westminster
W.I.N.G.S Fellowship Ministries	Azure Place	Delta
Tri-City Transitions Society	Joy's Place	Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore, Belcarra

Our Board of Directors

Elected Oct 2022

Donna Gillette	President	Bob Meister	Director
Gary Menendez	Vice President	Gail Rawle	Director
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Spring Plant Fundraiser

We would like to start off by thanking you for supporting our spring plant fundraiser and to apologize to anyone we missed who would have wanted to participate. If we missed you, please provide us with your current contact information. You can do this by email - jeremysfoundation2001@gmail.com or by phone 604-275-7234.

As you know, we were only able to offer hanging baskets this year because of supply issues but they sure were beautiful. To be honest, we were a little concerned about meeting the required minimum order.



The responses have been so positive and heart warming, resulting in sales far more than our expectations. This was our first plant fundraiser since the fall of 2019.

We had several requests for payment by e-Transfer but we were not set up for that at our bank. That problem has since been resolved.

We plan to bring back our **Poinsettia Plant Sale** this year. Please look for notices on our website or emails in the fall.

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 2023, we have raised a total of **\$543,210**

Thanks for your support!

Collection of Canadian Tire Money (Discontinued)

We are no longer collecting Canadian Tire money. The Canadian Tire stores have moved to a point system and discontinued their paper money. Thank you to everyone who donated their paper money. We used them to purchase Canadian Tire gift cards for the transition houses.

Donor Appreciation

Your generous gifts make it possible for us to assist the victims of domestic violence. On their behalf we wish to acknowledge 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 (Nov 2022 – Apr 2023)

Connexus (Fort St. James)

Hardy Sales Ltd.

Hoe! Hoe! Hoe! Gardening Services

Knitting Sisters

Laureate Gamma Lambda

Maple Knitters

Order of the Eastern Star

St David's Anglican Church (House)

TELUS

The Waterford (Senior Residences), Tsawwassen

Steveston Art's Connection Ltd.

This wonderful organization has been supporting us since January 2014. They have an annual pajama drive and this year also set up a Go Fund Me fundraiser. Their combined donation to our foundation this year was \$2,000 plus 122 pairs of pajamas.

We are so grateful to everyone. Thank you one and all!

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 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 number (604-275-7234) at the kiosk and print a label to attach to each bag. Leave the bag in the designated area. A Return-It Express employee will sort and count your donation and credit our account.



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