



# *Jeremy's Memorial Foundation Against Domestic Violence*

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## Message from the President

As you know, this grassroots charity was created by caring people in 2001. As with most charities, it was started because of tragedy. Sweet little Jeremy died because of domestic violence on Sept. 1, 1994 – it's almost 30 years ago. We've done a lot of good over the years in honour of his memory.

We have you to thank for supporting our cause and making this work possible year after year. We have an amazing Board of Directors (past and present) who are conscientious, dedicated and caring. I would like to acknowledge them and you. We have no paid employees, no rent – so almost every cent received goes directly to our programs. It's a team effort.



Apr 8, 1991 - Sept 1, 1994

We had a successful spring fundraiser. The hanging baskets were beautiful! Please keep us in mind for our Poinsettia sales this fall and hanging baskets again next spring. Our revenue is down since the pandemic partly because of the change in business structure – a lot of people work from home now. That means we don't have as many office groups raising funds for us. Please spread the word, so we can keep offering pajamas, backpacks, children's workbooks, knitting and more to those in need staying at 30 day crisis shelters.

It's the people that keep us motivated. I would like to share the story of one donor – her name is Joan Croft. She was in her 80's when we met back in 2013 at a function for the Knitting Sisters (another supportive group). Joan formed her own knitting group at the Maples Residences in Richmond. She raised funds for us by selling the handcrafted items made by the Maple Knitters. Amazingly, over the course of a dozen years, she raised more than \$14,000.00. Unfortunately, health issues have halted her efforts and forced her to move to a care facility. I am so grateful and honoured to have had the support of this kind and inspiring woman. Another group that deserves honorable mention is the Steveston Arts Connection. More about them in our next newsletter.

I recently read an article in the Province newspaper about how complicated smart phones can be for victims of domestic violence. I would like to share it with you. See page 2.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all your kindness and generosity. People like you make the world a better place.

*Donna*

NEWSLETTER

## **Women's shelters want changes to family phone plans**

By Brianna Charlebois -The Canadian Press

Women's Shelters Canada is calling on phone companies to adjust how they respond to those escaping from domestic violence, saying the cost of changing a phone number and difficulties leaving a shared plan are barriers for victims.

The organization released a report last week that looked into how Bell, Rogers and Telus reacted to a victim's request for a plan change, and it is now making recommendations for how they can improve service for these vulnerable people.

Rhiannon Wong, the **group's** Tech Safety Canada project manager, said "their report comes shortly after a national survey in April found that harassment was the most common form of technology-facilitated gender-based violence."

Other forms include threats, location tracking, preventing access to online accounts, surveillance and non-consensual image sharing.

"This form of violence grows ignored, largely due to the perception that it isn't as serious because it's not physical violence," Wong said.

"It's really important that telecom companies are able to respond to this because illegal acts like harassment and threats through technology - they're allowing this to happen through their services." The report said of the 204 frontline workers surveyed between 2022 and 2023, 95 percent said they had supported survivors experiencing this form of violence. It said 98 percent had identified smartphones as the main device being used to harass victims.

The survey also said 44 percent of shelter workers reported seeing family mobile phone plans misused against survivors.

"Violence and abuse through technology often prevents survivors from being able to access domestic- and sexual violence support, or even be able to find affordable housing or employment due to an abuser's control over technology," Wong said.

"This is because abusers are monitoring who a survivor is calling, they're controlling when they have access to the Internet, and sending harassing and threatening messages."



## **Our Board of Directors**

Elected September 2023

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

## **Our Foundation's Major Goals**

To assist women and /or children who are victims of domestic violence by funding existing charities dedicated to that cause.

To fund charities taking steps to increase the awareness of the dangers of domestic violence and/or working with young people as a preventative measure.

To provide similar and related services as determined by the membership.

## **Our Foundation's Core Values**

1. We are caring and compassionate.
2. We conduct ourselves ethically and with integrity.
3. We show respect for others.
4. We are committed to making a difference.

## **Fundraising**

Thank you to all our supporters (individuals, charities, corporate donors and volunteers) who have chosen to selflessly give. The help comes in many forms – memberships, donations, supporting a fundraiser, gifts in kind (pajamas, toys, backpacks, knitted items, etc.) and more.

From Apr 2001 – May 2024, we have raised a total of **\$564,328**

**Thanks 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 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 – May 2024)**

Hoe!Hoe!Hoe! Gardening Services  
Knitting Sisters  
Maple Knitters  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Return It Express

SPI Health & Safety  
Steveston Arts Connection  
Telus  
The Waterford Sisterhood

## **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 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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