



# *Jeremy's Memorial Foundation Against Domestic Violence*

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## **Message from the President**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express our gratitude for your continued support year after year. Please know that everything you do is very much appreciated, and more importantly, makes a huge difference to those in need. We are 100% volunteer operated with only a very few expenses. Almost every cent donated goes directly to helping victims of domestic violence. The volunteers who give so freely of their time and effort are greatly appreciated and valued.

The corporation that previously printed our PJ tags (the poem we attach to the pajamas) changed management and chose to stop that service. Emelie, once again, came to the rescue by donating her time and designing a new tag for us. She previously designed our pamphlet for us. We are very grateful for her wonderful designing skills and her time. Kevin is a family friend who houses our website free of charge year after year. These are amazing cost savings for us. We have made a few updates to our website if you would like to check it out.

[www.jeremysmemorialfoundation.com](http://www.jeremysmemorialfoundation.com)

Over the past 6 months we have:

- Held our Spring Hanging Basket fundraiser which was very successful.
- We received an extra, large donation from the Steveston Arts Connection.
- We received an abundance of pajamas plus cash donations from the West Coast Area Rendezvous 2025. Page 3 has more detail.
- Knitted items keep pouring in from the Knitting Sisters.
- We've received a multitude of new gifts for the women and children who need a bit of love from the community.

Many, many individual donations have arrived. Our revenue is mainly donations. Shopping for pajamas and backpacks on sale and preparing for distribution is handled by our volunteers. Thank you to everyone involved.

Our charity was founded in 2001 – that's 24 years ago. It's been an amazing journey, involving so many kind and caring people. We need to plan for the future as the world keeps changing. We have been fortunate to have a young person reach out with the wish to join our Board of Directors. If you think you might like to join us, we are very interested in hearing from you.

On page 2 there are a couple of thank you letters received because of our distribution to the Transition Houses. This is a team effort, and we are so happy that you chose to participate.

Together, we are making a difference!

*Donna*

NEWSLETTER

## **Letter from Ishtar Women's Resource Society**

Hello Donna, Gary and everyone at Jeremy's Memorial Foundation,

On behalf of all of us at Ishtar, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued generosity and support. Your recent donation of summer pajamas was, once again, a deeply appreciated gift that brings not only physical comfort but also a powerful sense of dignity and care to the women and children in our Houses.

These thoughtful contributions make a real difference in the lives of families who are rebuilding after experiences of domestic violence. Your compassion helps to restore hope and create a sense of safety and belonging during a time of transition.

It was a pleasure to welcome you today, Gary, and to introduce you to our new Executive Director, Julia. We've attached a photo from your visit, capturing a moment that reflects the meaningful connection and support your foundation brings to our work.

We are continually moved by the story behind Jeremy's Memorial Foundation and the legacy of kindness you've built in his memory. Your dedication to raising awareness and supporting survivors - through seasonal pajama drives and annual school supply donations - continues to inspire us.

Thank you for standing with us and helping to create a future free from violence. We deeply value your partnership and all that you do for our community.

With gratitude,

***Catherine Peare***

Community Relations Assistant

**Ishtar Women's Resource Society**



Gary & Julia with boxes of donated PJs

## **Letter from Cythera Transition House Society**

To Everyone at Jeremy's Memorial Foundation

Thank you for your big heart and generous spirit.

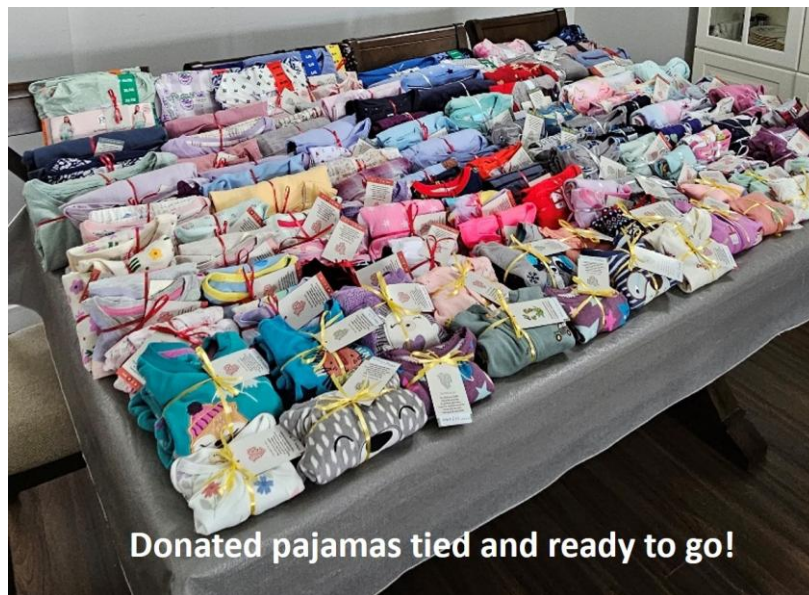
As we look back on this past year and the years before, we are deeply humbled and grateful for your incredible generosity. Through donations of pajamas, backpacks and other essentials you have made a huge difference in the lives of the women and children who come to our transition house. Because of you they are welcomed with warmth and dignity as they begin their journey toward healing and rebuilding. We truly couldn't do the work we do without your support.

## **Girl Guides West Coast Area Rendezvous 2025**

We had the honour of being chosen as their Service Project at the weekend meeting of Trefoil Guild members in April. The Trefoil Guild are members of Girl Guides of Canada aged 30 plus who have worked with youth in their younger years and still wish to be involved in Guiding. The members who attended were asked to provide new women's and or children's pajamas for our pajama project.

Gary and Donna attended on their opening evening and were presented with an abundance of pajamas (122 pairs) plus cash donations totaling \$505. We were privileged to meet with such a kind and generous group.

Thank you to everyone involved.



## **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 2025, we have raised a total of **\$591,760**

*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 2024 – May 2025)**

Knitting Sisters  
Maple Knitters  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Return It Express

Steveston Arts Connection  
The Waterford Sisterhood  
West Coast Area Rendezvous

## **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.
- Become a member and if you'd like to help more, consider joining our board.



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