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Edmonton Women's Shelter Newsletter - Winter '10 WIN HOUSE I & II

Mission

Edmonton Women's Shelter exists to further nonviolent relationships and environments for women with or without children.

Message from the Executive Director

WIN III - A Shelter for Immigrant Women

WIN III - it is not a replacement for one of our existing shelters. Edmonton Women's Shelter Ltd. is in the final stages of opening another shelter. We currently operate WIN I & WIN II. These shelters have existed since 1978 & 1983 each respectively. With two shelters, we are the largest women's shelter in Alberta and have capacity for 60 persons.

After much careful consideration and research, we have come to the conclusion that our community needs another shelter and one that has the capacity to serve the ethno-cultural needs of women that are newcomers. Sometimes women that are newcomers face multiple layers of barriers to finding an escape from an abusive relationship. Some find success and a new life.

For example, go to www.edmontonpolice.ca and click on Success Stories to read about Constable Mona Gill who came to Canada to enter into an arranged marriage. The relationship became very abusive and eventually her father helped her leave her marriage along with assistance from the Indo-Canadian Women's Association and the EPS Spousal Violence Intervention Team. She lived in a WIN House facility for over a month before going forward with her new goals.

EWS Ltd. is encouraged by Constable Gill's example and we anticipate opening WIN III in early 2010. This new endeavour would not be possible without the support and generosity of many donors in Edmonton and area. We have noted some of our donors in the pages that follow. We are also grateful to Alberta Children and Youth Services who recognized the need and supported this project.

Thanks to so many that will allow us to provide safety to more women and children in the days ahead and best wishes in 2010.

Thank you,

Sandra Danco
Executive Director

All
Occasion
Greeting
Cards



The
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are
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of 16.
Turn to
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for more
WIN House
favourites.

WIN House Marketplace



All Occasion Greeting Cards

All occasion cards are available to purchase in support of WIN House. They come in packages of 16 and feature a variety of local artistic styles, including the works of Jim Brager, Doris Charest and Kari Duke.

All Occasion card sets are \$16.00 each.



"More Winning Favourites" Cookbooks

This amazing cookbook has over 200 fantastic recipes from local celebrities, restaurants and friends of WIN House. You can be sure to find delicious recipes that will make entertaining easy and fun!

Here's an idea of just a few of the tasty treats featured: **"Wild Mushroom Soup"** compliments of Trent Evans **"Pan Pizza"** courtesy of Dale Fournier, Fire Station #3 **"Mary's Brownies"** compliments of Susan Stanton, Friend of WIN House.

An absolute delight, "More Winning Favourites" is available for only \$18.00!

"More Winning Favourites" and card sets may be purchased at the WIN House Business Office, or through canvassers in your area. Please call (780) 471-6709 ext. 226 for more information.

Hours of Operation

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (closed for lunch noon - 1:00pm)

Friday thru Sunday & Stat Holidays - CLOSED

WIN House

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Phone: (780) 471-6709 Fax: (780) 479-8252 Email: ewsinfo@telus.net www.winhouse.org

Please insert the quantity you would like for each of the following:

YES! I want the all occasion 16 piece greeting cards set (\$16/set)

YES! I want the 16 piece Christmas cards set (\$16/set)

YES! I want the "More Winning Favourites" (\$18 each)

Please apply a \$3 Shipping & Handling Fee for single items and \$6 for 2-5 items.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home phone: _____

Business phone: _____

I'm enclosing my cheque/money order payable to WIN House

Please charge my credit card: VISA__ Mastercard__

Total charge: \$ _____

Credit card number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

We value your privacy and respect the privacy of all who purchase products from WIN House. We do not disclose or sell personal information.

A Special Thank You!



Eman Oliver, Dave MacPherson,
Sandra Danco, George Marlatte,
Ed Hervey & Chris Bruce

12th Annual Scotiabank Charity Golf Classic

A special thanks to Scotiabank for choosing WIN House to be the recipient of the funds raised at their 12th Annual Scotiabank Charity Golf Classic. Your continued support is greatly

appreciated and the Golf Tournament Committee makes this tournament more and more successful every year!

Acklands-Grainger Inc.



A special thank you to Acklands-Grainger Inc. for their donation of gifts from their 9th Annual gift drive. Your support is greatly appreciated!

BOMA Edmonton

A huge thank you to BOMA Edmonton for their generous donation of \$11,971.11 that was raised at their 2009 Christmas Charity Event and Luncheon. We would also like to extend thanks to all the sponsors that made the event such a great success.

Global Edmonton, Lynda Steele, and Viewers

A big thank you to Global Television for their donation of gifts that were collected at their "Give Me Shelter" campaign.

Festival of Trees

Thank you to the Festival of Trees for the donation of two lovely Christmas trees that we put in our shelters to bring a little touch of Christmas to the women and children.

Rio Terrace Women's Luncheon

Thank you to Rio Terrace Women's Luncheon for their donation of jewelry as gifts for women during the Christmas Season. Thanks to Nicola Crosbie of Global TV Edmonton for her participation at the women's luncheon in November.

Judith Peglau Family Fund at Edmonton Community Foundation

A huge thank you to the Judith Peglau Family Fund at Edmonton Community Foundation.

Kruger Products

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Jewish Community of Edmonton - Mitzvah Day

Many thanks to the Jewish Community of Edmonton for the large donation of new and used household items.

Sobeys

Thank you to Sobeys for the donation of various food items, including much needed baby formula and diapers.

the Bay

Thank you to the Bay for the donation of 23 gently used purses. These purses were given to women in our shelters and the gift cards were used to buy household items.

Ritchie United Church

Thank you to Ritchie United Church for organizing their White Gift Sunday.

Edmonton Newcomers and Newcomers Alumni

Thanks to the Edmonton Newcomers and Newcomers Alumni for the welcome boxes.

Honourable Order of the Blue Goose - International Edmonton Pond

Thank you for your generous gift from your Feel Good Charity Lunch Fundraiser with Rona Ambrose, MP as a guest speaker.

Bee Clean

Thank you to Bee Clean for your donation of an excellent vacuum cleaner!

Holy Family Columbus Club

Thank you to Holy Family Columbus Club for your generous monetary donation.

Mount Zion Lutheran Church

Thank you to Mount Zion Lutheran Church for your financial assistance.

Thrift Shop St. Andrew's United Church

Thank you to Thrift Shop St. Andrew's United Church for your monetary contribution.

Bell Canada Employees Charity Campaign Lunch

WIN House was invited to participate as one of 3 charities at the campaign luncheon to introduce Bell Canada Employees to various charities and we were grateful for the opportunity to highlight our organization. We thank you very much for your support!

Edmonton Local Council of Women

Thank you to Edmonton Local Council of Women for your 2009 service project that collected household items, toiletries, and blankets for WIN House.

WIN House Happenings



20th Annual Servus Credit Union

Win FORE WIN Golf Tournament

May 31, 2010
Eagle Rock Golf Club

Teams of four and individuals are both encouraged to participate. Registration is only \$200, which includes a \$100 tax receiptable donation and many great prizes. If you are interested in participating or volunteering at the event, please call Matt at (780) 471-6709 ext 226.

A Special Thank You cont'd

Ermineskin Sew & Sews

Thank you to Ermineskin Sew & Sews for your donation of hand-make quilts, toys, and household items.

Edmonton Catholic Teachers, Local No 54 of The Alberta Teachers' Association

Thank you for your donation of the proceeds of the first Mass of the 2009 school year that accompanied your generous donation of numerous household items.

Edmonton Host Lions Club

Thank you to Edmonton Host Lions Club for your financial contribution!

John Paul II Bible School

Thank you to John Paul II Bible School for your donation of household items.

Walmart Canada Corp. and the Windermere Walmart

Thank you for your financial donation!

Bella Tonic Spa

Bella Tonic Spa generously donated \$1 from every service provided on every Wednesday in August. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Lloyd Sadd Insurance

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Central Sewing

Thank you for your continued support. Your donation of quilts and clothing items for children is greatly appreciated and the amount of time and energy you spend working on these items is overwhelming!

Royal Canadian Legion Ex-Service Women's Branch 215

Thank you for your monetary support!

Color Shift Painting Ltd.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to  Color Shift Painting Ltd. As a strong supporter of WIN House, they once again volunteered their painting services and have done a tremendous job. This year when the owners, Sophia Leo and Jason Ramcharan, heard that WIN House had acquired an additional house to help women in need, they offered their services to repaint the entire facility pro bono. While this in itself was truly amazing, they have taken their support a step further by ensuring that any additional items and touchups required will be provided at no cost to WIN House. Since 2008, Color Shift has dedicated themselves to providing some sort of support with their services each year and they are dedicated to do that to the best of their abilities.

When Jason Ramcharan was asked why Color Shift has continued to provide such an extraordinary show of support to WIN House, he replied "*Color Shift firmly believes that by adhering to strong ethics in all business practices, we will be able to achieve success. We feel that it is a part of responsible business practice to give back to the community to the best of our abilities and we are proud to have provided our support to WIN House - an organization that plays such an important role in the community.*"

Would you like to be a member?

For a tax-deductible fee of only \$25 you too can be a member of EWS. Membership entitles you to receive a copy of all newsletters and publications issued by EWS, as well as the ability to vote at our Annual General Meeting. Membership year is July 1 - June 30.

For more information call 780-471-6709.

5th Annual Empty Bowls for WIN House

Congratulations to the Students of Premiere Entertainment!

WIN House was privileged to have the students of Premiere Entertainment as our special guests at the 5th Annual Reflex Manufacturing Empty Bowls for WIN House Luncheon held at The Sutton Place Hotel and hosted by Bridget Ryan of Citytv.

We wish to thank Wes Inaba, Director of Premiere Entertainment for his efforts. The youth gave outstanding performances to an audience of approximately 300 people.

They believe that it is important for them to give back to the community and we would like to acknowledge them for that!:

Asim Andre Chin
Bernard Quilala
Danielle Lowe
Hailey Mills
Kristen McGovern
Maren Elliott
Michelle Rushfeldt

Mieke Sobolewski
Olivia Richardson
Ryan McGale
Sameena Sherman
Stephanie Gil
Zana Ohe

This year WIN House was honoured to have Carmen Bellows from Doctors Without Borders come and speak at the event. We would like to extend a huge thank you for your support.

A Special Thanks to all of our donors for the silent auction items and door prizes for Empty Bowls:

4th & Vine
Acklands-Grainger Inc.
Alberta Craft Council
Alberta Job Corps
Albert's Family Restaurants
Annie Miller-Royds
Applebee's Neighbourhood Grill & Bar
Artbeat Gallery
Ashley Fine Floors
Astros Restaurant
Audreys Books Ltd.
Benjamin Moore
Bin 104
Budget Car and Truck Rental of Edmonton
Cactus Club
Café deVille
Café Select

Call the Kettle Black
Cally's Teas
Canadian Rockies Hot Springs
Canadian Tire, Millwoods
Casino Yellowhead
Central Sewing
Chianti's Restaurant
Company's Coming
Continental Treat
Culina's
Dansk
Dave Thiele, City Councillor
Dewalt
EarthTones
Edmonton Oilers
Edmonton Potters' Guild

Fantasyland Hotel
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Fire Chief Ken Block
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Fred Horne, MLA
Gini's Restaurant
HealthFare Restaurant
Hendrix Condon-Barr
High Level Diner
Hole's Greenhouses & Gardens Ltd.
Husky Energy
Hypnotic Bloom
Infinite Fitness
Italian Centre
Java Jive
Jeffrey's Café and Wine Bar
Johnson Inc.
Julia Rand
Kerstin's Chocolates
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Laurie Blakeman, MLA
Laurie Hawn, MP
Lee Garden Restaurant
Lori Elms Design Group
Lyndale Accents
Makita
Mayor Cathy Olesen,
Strathcona County
Melanie Horricks,
Free Style Design
National Drapery
Neuman Thompson
Law Office
New Asian Village
Normand's Fine
Regional Cuisine
Northlands
Original Joe's

Packrat Louie
Paderno Factory Store
Partylite
Peter Goldring, MP
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Prairie Mill Organic Bakery
Premier Ed Stelmach
Purdy's
Quinlan Road
Rabbit Hill Snow Resort
Red Earth Salon & Day Spa
Ric's Grill
Robert Bateman
Royal Alberta Museum
Ruth's Chris Steak House
Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre
Servus Credit Union
She Matters
Smokin' Iron Farms
Tammy Akers
Target Your Energy
The Blue Pear
The Citadel
The Dish & The Runaway Spoon
The Keg Steakhouse & Bar
The Old Spaghetti Factory
The Rose and Crown Pub
Transcend Coffee
Tu Gallery
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village
United Cycle
Upper Crust Café
Wellington Garden Centre
When Pigs Fly
YMCA

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS HELP!!

Alpha Psi Sorority, University of Alberta
Servus Credit Union
Dee MacPherson
Bonnie McMillan
Donna Sahuri
Wendy Brouse

Our Guests Don't Have Time to Pack an Overnight Bag

Many of our guests leave their homes unexpectedly and do not have time to collect the things that they and their children will need. WIN House supplies the necessary personal incidentals and therefore we need a constant supply. People commonly ask what we need, so here are a few ideas! (Demand is greatest for household items to help women start new homes.)

WIN HOUSE WISH LIST

Women

Gift certificates
Toiletries
Jewelry
Books
Clothing
Socks & undergarments
Pyjamas
Bathrobes
Slippers
Stationery, journals
Cameras

Baby / Toddler

Clothing
Toys
Sleepers
Books
Children
Clothing
Toys
Books
DVDs
Socks & undergarments
Pyjamas & Slippers

Teenagers

Gift Certificates
DVDs
CDs
Clothing
Socks & undergarments
Pyjamas & Slippers
Electronic games
Books

Always Needed

Cutlery
Pots & Pans
Dishes
Glassware
Pillows
Linens - Kitchen, Bed & Bath
New toiletries, feminine hygiene products
Pull-ups, larger size diapers
Socks & undergarments
Small appliances: Coffee makers, toasters, kettles

Please let us extend our thanks in advance, as we are continually grateful for all of the items donated. Please contact the Business Office at (780) 471-6709 to arrange for drop-off.

Our Volunteers are WINNERS!!

Volunteer opportunities are available with sorting donations and special events.

Contact Matt, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at (780) 471-6709 ext. 226 for more information on volunteering!

A few hours of your time can help make the difference in the life of a woman or child in crisis.

WIN House Statistics 2008-2009

Total Number of women and children served by WIN House	728
Number of families turned away due to lack of space	366
Number of crises calls	1750
Total number of women served	284

WIN House would not be able to assist as many women and children without the help of all of the individuals and organizations who continue to support us. The thoughts below are from women who have stayed at WIN House. Their words reflect what kind of impact WIN House had on the lives of themselves and their children.

“Gave great help, support and resources to get us started in our new life.”

“It helped us to realize how to work together as a family and that violence is not the way.”

“The stay here at WIN House helped us reconnect as a family.”

“The services are excellent we felt very cared for.”

“Made me feel stronger, and I realize I really didn’t deserve the abuse. It was not my fault!”

“Gave us some peace of mind not to worry of other things and we were safe.”

“We felt safe and there were lots of resources to make us feel happy about starting over.”

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Thank you for supporting WIN House!

YES! I want to support WIN House

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone (optional): _____

Here is my donation of: \$ _____ Email address (optional): _____

For an additional \$25 I would like to become a member. (Membership year runs from July 1 to June 30)

I'm enclosing my cheque/money order payable to WIN House

Please charge my credit card: VISA Mastercard

Total Charge: _____

Credit Card number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

(We retain the confidentiality of all donors' names.)

Please return this form along with your donation.

Charitable registration #: 107283301 RR 0001 www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tax/charities

Programs Offered by the Edmonton Women's Shelter

EWS offers shelter and support for women who are psychologically, physically, sexually, spiritually or financially abused. Edmonton Women's Shelter operates two residential shelters for women with or without children leaving abusive relationships. These two shelters are called WIN House. Edmonton Women's Shelter believes in the fundamental equality of women and that violence against women is a societal problem. EWS also believes that the world should be free from violence and that women should be empowered and self-determined.

CRISIS INTERVENTION

- Temporary shelter, food and personal necessities for women and children staying at WIN House (for a period of up to three weeks) who are seeking refuge from abusive relationships.
- A 24 hour support and information line.

CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Daily programming for children and youth of all ages.
- A school maintenance program.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

- Opportunities for involvement in special events and helping to sort donations.

DONATIONS PROGRAM

- A donation distribution system for household items, clothing and personal items.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

- Practical and emotional support given to women when they leave the shelter, strengthening their access to community resources.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Presentations on family violence to large or small groups on request.



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