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Edmonton Women's Shelter Newsletter - Spring'08 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

Why Hot Peach Pages?

Hot Peach Pages is a web site that provides abuse information in 79 languages.

In its early inception in 1999 there were those that fussed over the name and asked why hot and why peach? Some suggested that the name had sexual overtones. The creators of the pages note that not one survivor of abuse complained about the name. In fact, survivors of abuse could talk about their resource without giving a label to their conversation.

To put the question to rest, the creators of the resource said "hot" is for hot lines, crisis lines and "peach pages" is similar to what we have in our phone books such as yellow, white and blue pages. Does the name yellow pages reflect the content of the yellow pages? Does Yahoo! sound like a search engine?

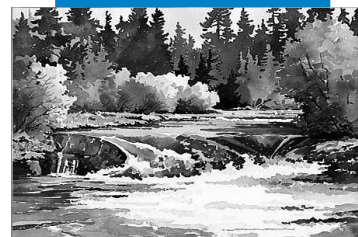
The Hot Peach Pages have assisted WIN House in our crisis work and brought relief to the faces of women when they read information about abuse in their own language. The pages record the kudos of many readers from around the world.

We can acknowledge the diversity of our community by referring abused women from many nations to a resource that will offer them help in their own language. You can visit Hot Peach Pages at www.hotpeachpages.org.

Thank you,

Sandra Danco
Executive Director

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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, Kari Duke, and Joan Healey.

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:

"Spanish Pork Chops"

"Hash Brown Casserole" courtesy of Ryan Smyth, Oilers Alumni

"Saucepan Brownies," Compliments of Jean Paré

An absolute delight, "More Winning Favorites" 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.

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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!

2nd Annual Frank Flaman Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction

WIN House would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Frank Flaman Foundation for all their continued support. The success of the 2nd Annual Frank Flaman Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction is evidence of what tremendous contributions Mr. Flaman makes to our community. We wish you continued success in your foundation's future endeavors.

Lynda Steele

We would like to thank our good friend Lynda Steele for the money raised from the sale of her book, "Laptop Diaries". Your commitment to our organization is sincerely appreciated.

Donate a Ride

Thank You to Donate a Ride whose focus is to donate transit tickets to members of the community who are in need. WIN House has been very fortunate to receive support from this tremendous organization, making mobility possible for the women and their children who utilize our shelter. Special thanks to Councillor Kim Kushell.

Giant Tiger

We would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to Giant Tiger for the donations of socks and assorted items. We are always in short supply of socks and underwear, which makes your items even more necessary for the women, and children of WIN House.

Chatter's Salon South Edmonton Common

Thank you Chatter's Salon in South Edmonton Common for the donation of assorted hair care products. We appreciate your support.

McCallum Printing Group Inc.

Thank you to McCallum Printing Group Inc. for their contribution to Lynda Steele's book.

Preceptor Epilson

Thank you to Preceptor Epilson for the pajamas and items donated for Mother's Day to the women of WIN House. We appreciate your support.

A sincere Thank You to the following for their continued support:

- St. Albert Kinettes
- Investor's Group
- Eskimo Alumni Association
- Red Cross

Casino Volunteers

We were very fortunate to have just wrapped up another very successful casino fundraiser. There is no way this substantial undertaking could occur without the help of our great volunteers. A huge thank you goes out to: Lorraine Zablocki, Linda Parsons, Wanda Roskewich, Wayne Strilesky, Ken Rudyk, Ron Wallbank, Brian Roemer, Grace French, Belinda Roemer, Esther Wallbank, Pat Larkin, Lynn Larkin, Shauna Larkin, Eman Oliver, Vallery Claveau, Diane Morris, Terry Rudyk and Rico Sebastianelli.

Our Volunteers are WINNERS!!

Volunteer opportunities are available with sorting donations and special events. Contact Connie, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at (780) 471-6709 ext. 225 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 Happenings



May 26, 2008
Eagle Rock
Golf Course



4th Annual
Empty Bowls for
WIN House
September 29, 2008
Sutton Place Hotel

Start practicing your golf swing for the 18th Annual Servus Credit Union Win FORE WIN Women's Golf Tournament!

Hurry, space is limited. Remember teams of 4 and individuals are both encouraged to participate. Please register early to secure your spot, as only the first 144 women are eligible to golf.

Registration is only \$185, which includes a \$100 tax receiptable donation and many great prizes. If you are interested in participating, or volunteering at the event, please call Christine at 471-6709 ext 226.

We are eagerly planning the 4th Annual Empty Bowls luncheon in support of WIN House on September 29, 2008 at the Sutton Place Hotel from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. This event is a pottery themed luncheon that will include: a delicious lunch, silent auction and special performances from students of Premiere Entertainment, a performing training facility in Edmonton.

For more information on this unique event please call Christine at 471-6709 ext. 226.

Edmonton Women's Shelter Ltd. Annual General Meeting

June 24, 2008

Refreshments at 6:00 pm

Meeting to commence at 6:30 pm

Sutton Place Hotel

We are excited to have Flavia Robles, Executive Director of Crime Stoppers Association of Edmonton and Northern Alberta as our special guest speaker for the evening. If you are interested in attending, please call Connie at 471-6709 ext. 225 to RSVP. Membership cost is \$25.00 with tax receipt provided. Membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

Donate Online

You can now make monetary donations to WIN House online! Visit our website, www.winhouse.org and click on the icon "Donate now through CanadaHelps.org". It is quick and easy!

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 471-6709.

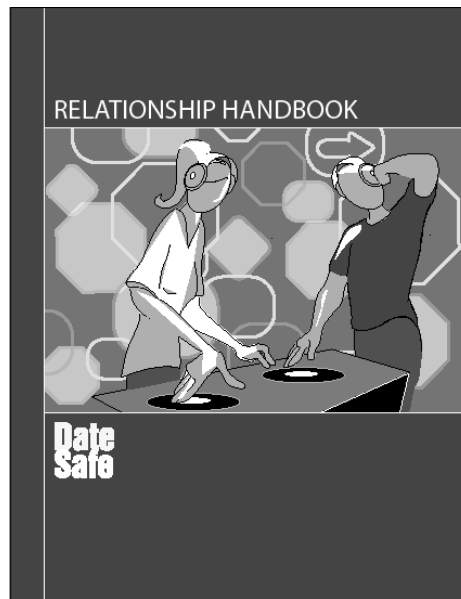
Police Stations Get New Tool to Help Youth Prevent Dating Violence

Date Safe Relationship Handbook

The Date Safe Relationship Handbook design is inspired by the Alberta Government's Driver's Handbook. It uses a learning to drive metaphor to help youth recognize signs of abuse and how to get supportive and confidential help anytime.

Knowledge is power and as with most materials WIN House provides, The Date Safe Relationship Handbook is a free resource that is meant to make dating safer. "As abuse statistics rise, the need for women's shelter (and the need to support them) is as critical as ever. Therefore, while we should continue to fully support women's shelters, we should also be educating the next generation on how to prevent abuse," comments Trevor Wiltzen, president of the Livia Stoyke Foundation, who has made a great contribution to the project.

Distribution of the handbook is a partnership between Crime Stoppers, WIN House, Livia Stoyke Foundation, Victoria School's Justice Group, W.D. Cutts School and other supporters. "The Date Safe Relationship Handbook" will provide an excellent tool for youth.



It will provide information needed to make informed decisions about ensuring healthy relationships," says Flavia Robles, Executive Director, Crime Stoppers Association of Edmonton & Northern Alberta.

The newest reprint of this important resource will ensure that 15,000 copies are distributed. Copies will be available at RCMP detachments across northern Alberta and will be used by school liaison officers in Edmonton.

*If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of the **Date Safe Relationship Handbook**, please call 471-6709.*

How Can You Help?

Any donations that you may give go directly towards the services and programs for the women and children of WIN House. Tax receipts can be provided for monetary donations. Please consider WIN House when you are planning your charitable donations for 2008 and beyond. We retain the confidentiality of all donors' names and membership lists. We do not sell or share donor lists or membership lists.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please call Karen Poitras at 471-6709 ext. 223. (Charitable registration #: 107 28 3301 RR 0001)

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

Always Needed...

- Cutlery
- Dishes
- Pots and pans
- Small kitchen appliances: Coffee makers, toasters, mixers, kettles & can openers
- Table Lamps
- Bed Linens (single/double/queen)
- Pillows
- Curling Irons
- Hair Dryers
- New toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant)
- New hair spray, mousse
- New toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Socks, Slippers
- Pajamas
- New underwear (all sizes)
- Towels (Kitchen & bath)
- Ladies casual clothes (all sizes)
- Children's clothes (all sizes)
- Diapers

Always Happy to Accept

- Gift Certificates (Grocery, music, clothing)
- Mattress covers
- Radios, clock radios, alarm clocks
- Serving and mixing bowls
- New baby bottles, nipples, soothers
- New rattles, teething rings

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.

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



Helga Hemme Knitted Goods

It never ceases to amaze us how many great members of the community

continue to support our organization.

One of the newest friends of WIN House is Helga Hemme. Helga donated a variety of items for the children of our shelters that she knitted. The interesting twist to this story, Helga is legally blind.

Helga has triumphed over adversity and continues to do wonderful things for the community including knitting for the women and children of WIN House.

We appreciate all you do for us Helga and we look forward to more of your beautiful pieces.

In order for Helga to continue her great work, she is constantly in need of wool. If any one is interested in making a donation of acrylic wool, they can drop it off at Stony Plain Chrysler or at our Business Office. Any donation of wool is greatly appreciated so Helga can knit through out the summer and have lots of toques and scarves created for next winter.

We would like to thank Global TV Edmonton for delivering Helga's gifts to WIN House. Thank you Helga, you make our community a better place to live one stitch at a time!

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*Thank you for
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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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