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Edmonton Women's Shelter Newsletter - Winter '07 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

Give Someone in Need a Lift

WIN House was pleased to be recognized as one of the founding agencies at the recent 10th Anniversary of Donate-a-Ride and campaign kick-off on December 28, 2006. Former City Councillor Allan Bolstad launched the campaign in 1996 and today the campaign carries on as the only City of Edmonton, City Council initiated charity. We applaud the continued work of Donate-a-Ride Chairperson Councillor Kim Krushell.

We asked the residents of WIN House what the Donate-a-Ride tickets meant to them. One woman cited cost savings as the benefit and that she would not have to use her funds for taxis. Another said; "When I have no money, the tickets are of very high importance which helps me to get to places I need to at times." Another resident said: "It means a lot because I don't have a lot of money a lot of times."

In addition to Donate-a-Ride many individuals, groups, organizations and businesses stepped us in the last several weeks to assist our services for women in need. We are proud to be associated with the work of Global Television, Acklands - Grainger Inc., the Victorian Order of Nurses, employees of Coast Paper, Building Owners and Managers Association and Shell Canada on our behalf. Each of the aforementioned organizations collected numerous gifts and needed supplies during this past holiday season. We congratulate all of their efforts and note that the Victorian Order of Nurses and Employees of Coast Paper celebrated their 10th Annual Toy Run in 2006.

WIN House is grateful to all those that gave financial and material donations that will assist us in the months ahead. These efforts demonstrate the spirit of giving someone in need a lift. We are honoured by your commitment and send our thanks.

Sandra Danco
Executive Director

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Greeting
Cards



The
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of 16.
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for more
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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 Jean Peters, Jim Vest and Laura Watmough.

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:

"Sweet Potato-Pecan Pancakes"

courtesy of Evelyn Charles Salon & Spa

"Lundy's Back Home Again Chicken Breast Classique"

by Jamie Lundmark, Edmonton born hockey player now with the Calgary Flames

"Coconut Shrimp Cakes" courtesy of Hans Kuhnel, The Creperie

Sure to get your taste buds watering, "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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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.

WIN House Happenings

17th Annual
servus
credit union

Win FORE WIN



Last year we were ecstatic to exceed our goal of \$20,000, and thank you to everyone who supported us. This year we are raising the bar and reaching for a goal of over \$25,000 and we need your help!

We encourage you to get your team of four and register now! It will no doubt be another day of great golfing, lots of fun and fantastic team prizes. Tickets are only \$185, which includes a \$100 tax receiptable donation.

There are only 144 spots available, so register now! If you are interested in participating, or volunteering at the event, please call Jen at 471-6709 ext 226.

May 28, 2007
Victoria Golf Course and
Royal Glenora Club

If you are a woman who enjoys golfing, or would just like to spend a fantastic day of fun in support of WIN House, we invite you to join us at our 17th Annual Servus Credit Union Win FORE WIN Women's Golf Tournament!



Donate -a- Ride

On December 28, 2006 Mayor Stephen Mandel proclaimed January as Donate-a-Ride month in Edmonton. Launched in 1996, this fund-raising program was designed to provide transit tickets to needy Edmontonians and is the only City of Edmonton, City Council initiated charity. The

Edmonton Women's Shelter is very thankful to be a recipient of this fund-raiser, which gives our families the ability to look for and secure housing, attend social service meetings, receive medial attention and attend legal appointments with freedom and dignity. Over the past ten years, Donate-a-Ride has raised over \$254,200 and distributed 418,760 ETS Tickets, a value of over \$605,000. WIN House would like to thank the many sponsors, City of Edmonton employees and individual donors who make this fund-raiser a success.

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!

A Special Thank You!

Tri Shelter Christmas Hamper Program

A sincere thank you to all those who participated in our Annual Tri Shelter Christmas Hamper Program by sponsoring a family. You made Christmas a very special time for many families in need. Thank you!

4-H Community Project

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 4-H Community Project and made the 20 beautiful baby blankets donated to WIN House.

Acklands - Grainger Inc.

Thank you for your continuous support of WIN House over the past 6 years. Several branches with Acklands - Grainger donated a huge amount of toys and gifts to be used at Christmas by families of WIN House.

Bruce and Yvonne Lincoln

Thank you for your generous donation and for all the hard work you put into making the wooden toys for the children of WIN House and to their friends who donated stuffed toys to accent the wooden ones.

Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA Edmonton)

On December 15th, BOMA held their 6th Annual Christmas Luncheon and Charity Event in support of WIN House. We sincerely appreciate your kindness and continuous support.

Copymate

Thank you for your generous monetary donation and also to the staff at Copymate who donated much needed teen gifts for Christmas.

CUPE Local 3550

We greatly appreciate the wonderful bags filled with Christmas gifts for the children of WIN House.

Edmonton and District Square Dancing Association

The Association held their 42nd Annual Toy Dance in support of WIN House. Thank you for continuing to think of us.



Edmonton Community Foundation - Melissa Field Director's Fund

A very sincere thank you to the foundation, and specifically Ms. Melissa Field, for your continuing support of WIN House; your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated

Global Television

Thank you to Global and their viewers who donated items to the Global Gift Drive. You helped make Christmas more special for many families in need.

Jenny - Servus Credit Union

A huge thank you to Jenny, a Servus Credit Union employee, who requested that her Secret Santa donate mittens to WIN House instead of receiving a gift herself. Thank you to Jenny and all the employees at Servus who donated mittens.

Jewish Community of Edmonton - Mitzvah Day

This Annual Service Day collects new and used items that are donated to WIN House. We thank you for continuing to think of us.

J.G. O'Donoghue Building

Thank you to the staff of Rooms 200 and 201 for collecting toiletries and donating them to WIN House.

Lululemon: West Edmonton Mall, Whyte Avenue, Kingsway Garden Mall Locations

A big thank you for collecting clothing and items from our WIN House Christmas Wish List.

O'Hanlon Paving

Thank you for supporting WIN House with your financial donations.

R.F. Butler and Sokil Express Line

A huge thanks to Amanda Rouselle for spearheading this Christmas drive for WIN House and to everyone who donated items for the fund-raiser!

Royal Glenora Ladies Club

Guests brought a new toy for WIN House to the Annual Glenora Ladies Brunch. As well, they held a centerpiece raffle where all proceeds went directly to WIN House. Thank you for your support.

Sealy Canada

Thank you to everyone from the Night Staff at Sealy Canada for donating new toys, it is greatly appreciated!

The Bay (Londonderry and West Edmonton Mall)

Thank you for your donations of gift cards

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Rainbow Valley Ward

Thank you for the 18 beautiful quilts. They will provide warmth to families in need this winter season.



Amanda Woodward's "Knit for Charity" In Support of WIN House

Once again Amanda Woodward's Knit for Charity was a huge success! This fundraiser first began in 2005,

where just over 150 items knitted by members of the community we collected for WIN House. This year, Knit for Charity received an overwhelming 320 items, including sweaters, mitts, scarves, hats and blankets.

When asked what the fund-raiser means to Amanda and the volunteers who helped out with the project she states, "It feels wonderful to give a hand crafted gift



to someone in need. We were all excited to participate and see the big pile of scarves, mitts, hats. I even hosted a wrapping party where a handful of knitters helped with the tagging and wrapping."

We would like to sincerely thank Amanda for her tremendous dedication to WIN House and each individual who donated their time to knit the beautiful items we received.

Vallery, our "Volunteer of the Quarter"

Vallery has been volunteering at the WIN House business office since the beginning of fall 2006, helping our donations associate sort through incoming donations and creating household packages for families as they leave shelter.

Why did you decide to volunteer at WIN House?

Having worked for so many years, retirement has given me the opportunity to help out others.

What is the most rewarding aspect of volunteering at WIN House?

First the staff, who make me feel a part of their efforts and second, the individuals and business who generously donated needed household items.

What have you gained from your volunteering experiences the past few months?

I have been truly amazed at the time and effort individuals and groups put into helping WIN House support needy families and individuals.

Our Volunteers are WINNERS!!

Volunteer opportunities are available with sorting donations 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.

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 away from home. 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...

- * Grocery store gift certificates
- * Cutlery
- * Pots and pans
- * Dishes
- * Glassware
- * Pillows
- * Bed Linens (single/double/queen) & pillows
- * Curtains
- * New toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, women's deodorant, hair spray, mousse)
- * New underwear (all sizes)
- * Lamps (table and standing)
- * Towels (Kitchen & bath)
- * Small appliances:
 - * Coffee makers, toasters, mixers, kettles & can openers
 - * Curling Irons
 - * Hair Dryers
 - * Socks, Slippers, and Pajamas

Women

- Perfumes, soaps, talc
- Body lotion
- Make-up
- Jewelry, watches
- Books
- Christmas ornaments
- Hats, scarves and gloves
- Sweaters, blouses
- Sweat suits
- Housecoats
- Gift certificates (Music, clothing)
- Craft kits
- Stationary, journals, diaries
- Cameras, photo albums, frames

Hours of Operation

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
(closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00pm)
Friday thru Sunday & Stat Holidays - CLOSED

Teenagers

- Gift Certificates (Music, clothes)
- Movie passes
- Movies, CDs & tapes
- Walkmans
- Art supplies
- Sweaters/sweatshirts
- T-shirts
- Track pants/ sweatpants
- Underwear & Socks
- Board games, electronic games
- Makeup, watches, jewelry
- Cameras & photo albums
- Books

Children

- Clothing
- Lego/building blocks
- Play dough, paints
- Doll houses, dolls
- Trucks, cars
- Movies, books, games
- Barbie accessories
- Scarves/mitts/hats

Baby/Toddler

- Clothing
- Toys: rattles, squeaky
- Stuffed animals/dolls
- Slippers
- Teething rings
- Vinyl or cardboard books

If you wish to make a financial contribution, please make cheques payable to either Edmonton Women's Shelter Ltd. or WIN House. You may also call the Business Office to make a donation by credit card, at (780) 471-6709.

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

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 2007 and beyond.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please call Karen Poitras at 471-6709 ext. 223.

A Special Thank You! cont'd.

The O.S. Longman Building and Agronomy Centre Staff
Thank you for collecting items from our Christmas Wish list and supporting the families of WIN House.

The Keg - West Edmonton Location

A huge thank you to the Keg for donating gift cards, gifts, a meal from the Keg and photos with Santa.

Victorian Order of Nurses and Employees of Coast Paper

The collaborative effort with the VON and Coast Paper celebrated their 10th Annual Toy Run in support of WIN House, other shelters and human services agencies. We greatly appreciate your continuous support and for thinking of the children at WIN House!

Women's Christ Care Group - All Saints Lutheran Church

Thank you for the packages you collected for WIN House, it is greatly appreciated!

Xentel Magic and Miracles

A big thank you to Xentel for putting on their annual Christmas Magic Show and continuing to donate a portion of the proceeds to WIN House!

Zellers (Northgate, Bonnie Doon, Abbotsfield)

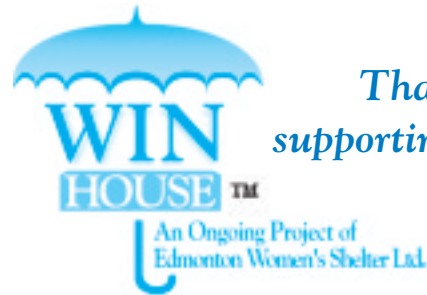
Thank you for your donations of gift cards, it's greatly appreciated.

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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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