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Celebrating our 40th birthday



40 years strong

On November 12th we invited our community to our 40th birthday party! We shared a bit about our past and our humble beginnings and talked about our hopes for the future. We celebrated our staff, Board, volunteers and community partners who, year after year, have stood by us and supported our mission. We have come this far because of you. Thank you for your compassion, for the trust you place in us and for your commitment to ending violence in our communities. Together we are stronger. Hopefully, in the next 40 years our services will no longer be required, until then, Women's Habitat will be here.



A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Katrina* came to Women's Habitat with her infant daughter. She thought she could wait until the New Year, she wanted to keep her little family together for the holidays, but the violence had been escalating steadily since she told her husband she was pregnant. After her daughter was born, she didn't know how she was going to protect her. "I was heartbroken, Christmas has always been a special time for me, my family lives so far away and I missed them so much". At the shelter Katrina met other moms who were also missing their families. "We created our own family and the staff helped us feel special. Being able to provide the magic of the holidays to my baby girl in the midst of the chaos was incredible." Katrina has since found her own place and she and her daughter are thriving. "Someday I will tell my daughter about her first Christmas and the people that made it special".

Contact Lina at lalmanzan@womens-habitat.ca and find out how you can help a family like Katrina's.

*Names have been changed

HOLIDAY WISH LIST

Every year in December, Women's Habitat's Holiday Hamper Program provides women and their children gifts of new clothing, toys, toiletries and items many of our service users cannot afford to purchase on their own. Every item we distribute is generously donated by our community and the program benefits over 250 women and children every year. If you would like to contribute to this year's Holiday Hamper Program get in touch with us!!

Women's Items:

Scarves/hats/gloves
Sleepwear/lounge wear/socks
Bath sets
Hair accessories/brushes
Gift cards (Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart, No Frills)
Cash donations to help us purchase gifts

Children's Items:

Toys for all ages
Stuffed animals
Scarves/hats/waterproof mitts/gloves
Art supplies
Books for children and teens
Movie passes
Gift cards – especially for teens

Housewares:

Kettles, small appliances
Dish sets/glassware/cutlery
Pots and pans/cooking utensils
Kitchenware
Kitchen and bath towels

Non-perishable foods, including:

Pancake mix/ syrup
Peanut butter/jam
Salad dressing/sauces
Dried herbs and spices
Cooking oil
Pasta/tomato sauce
Canned tomatoes/vegetables
Beans: kidney, black, lentils
Baking supplies: sugar, flour, etc.
Juice boxes
Snack crackers/granola bars
Cookies
Tea/Coffee
Stock: vegetable, chicken & beef
Rice
Cake mixes and icing
Canned fruit
Laundry detergent/
Paper plates/plastic cups & utensils
Parchment paper, cling wrap, foil, freezer bags, Ziploc bags

Donation Deadline: December 14, 2018 4pm

Drop off to: Women's Habitat, 140 Islington Ave, Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

To request pick-up or for more info contact: 416-252-7949 or

habitat@womens-habitat.ca

New Items Only Please

Shoppers Drug Mart has major impact



We are so grateful for our friends at Shoppers Drug Mart! The Growing Women's Health Campaign has been a crucial partner in our mission to end gender-based violence in our community. These store owners and staff have gone above and beyond to make the campaign a success.

COLLEGE SQUARE, 725 COLLEGE STREET
LAKE SHORE & PARK LAWN, 2206 LAKE SHORE BLVD WEST
ROYAL YORK, 3010 BLOOR ST W
THE EAST MALL, 600 THE EAST MALL, UNIT 1
HUMBERTOWN SHOPPING CENTRE, 270 THE KINGSWAY
SHERWAY GARDENS, 25 THE WEST MALL, UNIT # 1267
SIX POINTS PLAZA, 5230 DUNDAS ST. W.
THE QUEENSWAY, 125 THE QUEENSWAY
BROWNS LINE & LAKE SHORE, 3730 LAKE SHORE BLVD WEST, UNIT 102
LAKE SHORE & 4th, 2850 LAKE SHORE BLVD. WEST
BLOOR WEST VILLAGE, 2223 BLOOR ST. W
THORNCREST PLAZA, 1500 ISLINGTON AVE
BURNHAMTHORPE MALL, 666 BURNHAMTHORPE ROAD

Thank you to every participant who bought an icon at one of these stores. Your contribution directly benefits the women and children we serve. #Shopperslovesyou!

For more information contact Lina at lalmanzan@womens-habitat.ca

GIVING TUESDAY!

GivingTuesday harnesses the potential of social media and the generosity of people around the world to bring about real change in their communities. On November 27th, 2018, you can be a part of the spirit of giving and support women and children fleeing violence.

Just go to <https://womenshabitat.ca/how-to-help/donate/> and your contribution will provide for our vital programs and services.

For more information on GivingTuesday visit <https://givingtuesday.ca/>

GivingTuesday



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