



Women & Children's
Shelter of Barrie

ANNUAL REPORT

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"Change & Renewal"

*Providing women and their
children a safe place to heal*

Mission Statement

The Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie provides a safe refuge and emergency support services for abused women and their children in its commitment to end the cycle of violence

Corporate Objectives

- To provide a safe and secure refuge for abused women and their children
- To create a non-judgmental environment of support that recognizes and respects the strengths of each woman
- To provide counseling that enables women to gain perspectives on their situation, explore alternatives and options, and make decisions for themselves
- To provide information and education to the community and to professionals on the problem of violence against women and children in our society.

Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors

The past twelve months has been a time of significant change and expansion for the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie. In June, 2008 we celebrated the retirement of Sylvia Patfield, the outgoing Executive Director of our Barrie shelter for the past 27 years. Her retirement ushered in a new era of leadership. After an extensive national search, the Board of Directors was pleased to welcome Lynda Muir as the new Executive Director of the Barrie Shelter. Later that Fall it was necessary to bid a fond farewell to our longtime Financial Administrator, Kelly McCart, as her husband transferred to a new position in Manitoba. The Board of Directors was pleased to welcome Ana Castonguay as her replacement.

Last October, our shelter received an increase in government funding to allow us to expand from 21 to 27 beds. This provided us with the additional money to hire a staff position to our shelter, and a group facilitator to our outreach services. Over the course of the previous twelve months, new employee hiring has also included a new maintenance worker, a Children's Program staff employee and a part-time Administrative Assistant.

To maintain a safe and efficient building, many improvements and renovations were undertaken over the past year. Additional office space was created and/or updated and new resources were purchased, to meet the needs of our newly expanded service capacity. For example, new beds, cots and household items were purchased, computers were upgraded and the main foyer and kitchen floors were replaced. The downstairs multi-use room was remodeled and selected areas were painted throughout the shelter. A new sterilizer/dishwasher was purchased, as was new furniture for the outreach office. The shelter's security system was upgraded, and security was added to the outreach office. A spiritual room and an outside smoking room with security access were created. New phones were also purchased for both of these areas. A new direct crisis line to the shelter office was created. As our shelter develops a new logo, new brochures, business cards and stationary are being developed.

Over the past year, staff has continued to participate in training and skills upgrading coursework. With capacity building money from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, staff was able to participate in a six day trauma training course. Everyone who attended received a certificate in Trauma Counseling. Ministry funds also enabled Lynda Muir and Ana Castonguay to attend the regional Executive Director's training in risk management. This coming Fall, shelter staff will be involved in harm reduction training with funds from Casino Rama.

Two internal committees have been re-instituted this past year. An AR/AO committee will work with staff to raise awareness about issues of racism and oppression. A Health and Safety committee will help to draft Health and Safety procedures, monitor shelter accessibility and look at emergency preparedness. Two staff have received Level I certification and will receive Level II certification in the fall. Health and Safety policies are also being created.

Throughout the past year, the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie has been diligent in establishing new community connections with other shelters in our region and has maintained a proactive involvement with current alliances. For example, our Executive Director co-chairs the Services Sub-Committee of the Simcoe County Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee, (SCVAWCC) and our shelter is a member of SCVAWCC. We reconnected with other services such as Elizabeth Fry Society and have become a member of the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness and the Barrie Chapter of the Alliance to End Homelessness. Shelter staff collaborated with WCS and Colibri to plan, organize and stage the December 6th Vigil and collaborated with Athena's Sexual Assault Counseling and Advocacy Centre, Colibri, Elizabeth Fry and Amnesty International to plan, organize and stage the International Women's Day event in Barrie. A new initiative for 2009, is the staging of a donor appreciation event. This promises to be a yearly occurrence, as we seek to show our deep appreciation and gratitude to our generous donors and volunteers from the surrounding community.

On a final note, the Board of Directors would like to thank all of the staff of the Women and Children's Shelter for their continued dedication and commitment to the work of this organization. You provide an invaluable service to our community as you work to improve the lives of the many women and children who seek support or a safe haven from domestic violence. I also want to extend my gratitude to the members of the Board who continue to volunteer their time and commitment to this shelter. Your community service is greatly appreciated!

Dorothy Ramsay

Message from the Executive Director

It has been almost one year since I became the Executive Director of the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie and much has happened during this time. After 27 years of service, the outgoing Executive Director, Sylvia Patfield, made the decision to retire. I was concerned initially about following in the footsteps of someone who was synonymous with the shelter and who cast a long shadow in the region. However, I was pleasantly surprised. The shelter is a well organized and efficiently run organization so assuming leadership was not as daunting a task as I first anticipated. The staff and board were extremely welcoming and made the transition seamless. I took the first few months to get to know staff, other shelter and agency Executive Directors, community partners and the beautiful City of Barrie. It has been very enjoyable getting to know the area restaurants, agency locations, service clubs and various community venues. All in all the experience has been a rewarding and fulfilling one.

In the fall of 2008 we were informed that, along with other Ontario shelters, we would receive extra funding from the Provincial Government to rectify a shortfall that had existed since the drastic cuts to funding implemented by the previous provincial government. However, the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie also received extra funding to open 6 additional beds for abused women and their children. The shelter grew from a 21-bed shelter to a 27-bed shelter. Although I presumed that it would take some time to fill these beds I was wrong. After the holiday season the demand for space and service has increased significantly and we are now often overfull. In the early winter we added a part-time position to the shelter and a group facilitator to the Outreach services. The decision was made to move one of our Transitional and Housing Support staff to this office as well. Recognizing a gap in service, we are exploring possible avenues of funding to develop and implement a violence prevention program which will reach young people in the region's school and through service groups and community agencies.

Between April 2008 and March 2009, we provided shelter and support services to 121 women and 138 children. Staff in the Outreach Program counseled and supported 626 women and the Transitional and Housing Support team provided service to 171 women. Given the trend of the last few months we seem on track to meet or surpass these numbers this year. This is an unfortunate reflection of the ongoing abuse and violence perpetrated against women and girls, not only in our county, but throughout the world. Violence against women will not abate or be eliminated unless gender inequity is addressed. For instance, women, on average, make less money than men for equal work, frequently find themselves in minimum wage jobs, are unable to find reasonable priced child care if they do work and, if they do not have marketable skills, may not have the financial resources to return to school or engage in job training. Marginalized women face additional barriers and they and their children comprise a high proportion of those who live with poverty. Poverty is a growing concern in Simcoe County because those at the edges of it are no longer able to meet their rent or utilities payments or purchase food. Single mothers, First Nation women, women with disabilities, elder women and women of color are less able to provide for their families with limited financial and community support.

Despite the current economic conditions, the community continues to generously and consistently support the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie. Many have donated their time, money and in-kind items to assist us in our commitment to provide quality programs and support to abused women and their children who turn to us for service. Without this unflinching generosity from the community, the shelter would find it extremely difficult to maintain the level of excellence with which it has become known.

We can all make a difference and speak out against violence against women and children and advocate for gender equity, the elimination of oppression and racism, and perpetrator accountability. We can strive to build a community and a society where women and children can move about without fear of attack and violence. We can raise respectful and generous children who live their adult lives with integrity and dignity. To quote Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

Lynda Muir

Program Supervisor's Report

Over the past year we've seen several changes in shelter programming, staffing, along with having a new Executive Director. Staffing has been increased by a three-quarter position as a result of an increase to shelter bed space from a 21-bed capacity to 27 beds. This position allows for a weekend overlap that became effective in January 2009.

In the past year we've also implemented a new work schedule to include permanent overnight positions, which has greatly reduced impact on staff transitioning from day shifts into overnight positions. This position has also been seen as a way to provide service delivery continuity through staffing consistency.

Residential services have been extremely busy in the past year, as our statistics indicate that we provided services to 121 women and 138 children. As more women request residency, we are not only seeing a trend of a larger family composition, but, also women accessing services with more complex needs.

Over the summer Lynda Muir, our Executive Director, and I will be updating our Service Delivery Procedures Manual and Personal Practices, after having all staff assist in providing input and feedback to begin this process.

All programs are now set up and using a new case management program call WISH (Women In Safe Houses) that will greatly reduce time in calculating statistical information for the ministry and keep more efficient client records. All staff is now trained and utilizing the program.

Christine

Shelter Coordinator's Report

I am fairly new to this position, but am excited to share with everyone all the changes that have taken place here at the shelter in the past ten months.

We now have a female Maintenance Person working at the shelter on a full time basis.

We have had many renovations taking place in the shelter in the past few months. We had a new floor installed in the kitchen and main foyer of the shelter. We also had a new carpet installed in the family room of the shelter.

A new dishwasher was purchased and installed after the old one gave up on us.

The side foyer and counseling room have had a complete make-over. We now have a sun-room for the residents, set up with a computer that is online. In addition to the computer residents now have a phone for their use in the sun-room.

I assisted in creating an outreach counseling office at 80 Bradford Street.

I am presently working with Linda on a volunteer program. We presently have up to 16 volunteers and have hopes of getting a system up and running with the volunteers in September of this year.

We also have a new security system for the shelter. New cameras have been installed at the shelter and security intercoms have been installed at the Satellite Office.

In May, I completed the first stage of the Health and Safety Basic Certification training and became a rep for the shelter.

And last, strobe lights have been installed in the shelter hallways to assist people that are deaf.

Darlene

Shelter Front Line

Introductions and welcome: Front-line services have experienced numerous staff changes this year. New staff members come with new ideas and skills but let them tell you about that....

Jo-Anne K – *I am really excited to be working with such a fabulous team. I come from a consumer survivor background focusing on peer support and I find it extremely beneficial when working with the women in the shelter. I am a WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) facilitator through the Copeland Centre and I use the tools and key concepts often in my work.*

Aisha – *I started at the Barrie shelter in May of this year, stepping into the position of permanent part-time overnight worker. Prior to working at the shelter I worked for four years as a certified doula. I graduated from the Addictions and Community Support Program in June 2008.*

Ann – *I have accepted a contract position until September and then will be on the relief roster. I graduated this past April from the Social Service Worker Program at Georgian College.*

Other changes among the frontline staff that have taken place..... *Danielle* left frontline and moved into a new position with THSP.... *Linda* moved to our satellite office to connect with women through our outreach services.... *Amber* has taken a permanent overnight position.... *Jo-Anne R* has resigned from her permanent part-time position but stays on as relief....and *Tina* moved back to Nova Scotia with her family.

We wish those staff members who have moved on all the best and hope they will continue to bring awareness to the issue of violence against women to their new endeavours.

Updates

We are better equipped to support the women who access our services as we are now able to access the Internet. We have two computers for staff use in the main office as well as residents have Internet access on a computer specifically for their use in the sun room. In addition we have added a number of books/DVD's that cover a wide range of topics around trauma and violence.

Programs

We had a change in schedule that incorporated a switch from a three week rotation to a four week rotation. Included in the changes made to the schedule was the creation of two permanent overnight positions. The current team includes two full time and four part time day/overlap/afternoon rotating staff and one full time and one part time overnight staff. Information sharing and resource building has been an added benefit of having new staff members.

We will Not Forget

With deep sadness the Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie was informed of the sudden passing of Norma Grosart, a long time shelter staff member. Norma has been employed with the shelter for almost 15 years, as both a permanent part time overnight worker, and more recently as a casual relief worker. As close friends and colleagues of Norma, we share the sorrow felt by her family and loved ones. Norma will truly be missed by all.

Catherine, Lorraine, Marita, Jean, Amber, Linda, Jo-Anne and Aisha

Children Services

PROGRAM

The Children's Services Program offers service to the shelter residents in a variety of ways. We support the children by offering groups about feelings, anger, safety planning, women abuse and self-esteem. Parenting information on topics such as the effects of children witnessing violence, discipline, separation and self esteem are provided. We offer a recreational program to the residents, including outings to local recreational centers for swimming and our parks for outdoor activities. Within the shelter there are daily activities such as bingo night, crafts, karaoke and game night. A strong effort is made to model a stable and consistent environment through these activities and routines. Connecting the residents to community resources, such as parenting and playgroups, counseling agencies and schools is extremely important. We take the women to these agencies and introduce them to some of the service providers.

STAFF

We have one full time children service worker Marie, and one part time children service worker Peggy. We apply annually for funding for a summer student through Human Resources Development Canada, Summer Career Placement Program. This year the Children's Services Program will have one university student working with the child support staff to develop and implement a recreational summer program for the residents.

VOLUNTEERS

Norm Hobbs continues to be out Shelter Santa and arrives each and every Christmas Eve. Clara Bella the clown has delighted out residents with visits on special occasions such as birthdays.

This year, for the sixth time, Brent McTavish, an employee at YOM, has organized a fundraising event that will send two or three children from the shelter to Camp Simpresca for one week during the summer.

Dreams Take Flight included the shelter in their 24-hour trip to the Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida this year. All donated by Air Canada & sponsors. This is the ninth year we have been a part of this incredible opportunity. Four children and Marie as the escort from the shelter join 265 other children on June 3rd for the trip. A big "thank you" goes to Simcoe County Airport Services who donates their staff and van to make sure we all arrived and returned safely. The Children Services Program offers educational experience to co-op students.

Marie and Peggy

Outreach Services

In 1987, the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie began to provide counseling and legal advocacy services to non-residential clients at the Shelter Support Services office. The year 2009 marks our 22nd year of service and we have been able to assist almost 12,000 clients during that period of time. Beverly and Laurel continue to provide services such as legal assistance, referral & direction, court support; solution focused short-term counseling, advocacy and community resource information.

With the growing population in the City of Barrie and the increased demand from County area that are lacking in violence against women services, we are glad to see the Outreach Program grow. Our office has expanded its walls with the addition of two office spaces and a group room. The latest addition to the Outreach team is Linda, the Outreach Group Facilitator.

Linda is not new to shelter services and has worked in front-line and in children's services for over twenty years, She provides open psycho-educational groups and social opportunities for women who have resided in the shelter as well as to women in the community who want to break the cycle of isolation and abuse in their lives. Closed healing groups are also offered to women who have experienced abuse in their relationships. All of these groups are available to women who wish to learn new skills and to develop a sense of self -worth and freedom from past trauma.

We continue to be located at 80 Bradford Street in Barrie. The building is a large, multi-service building with parking out front and bus service right at the door. The office is on the main floor making it accessible to all clients. We encourage women to call for appointments and our office hours are Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Group programs run throughout the year. All of our services are provided free of charge in a confidential, supportive and empowering environment.

Over the years, we have developed a close working relationship with many agencies such as the Family Law Information Centre, Huronia Hearing Impaired, Victim Witness Assistance Program, Simcoe Legal Services & Legal Aid Ontario, Domestic Assault Review Team, Barrie Supervision & Access Centre, Colibri Centre des femmes francophone, Mediation Centre, YMCA Newcomers Services and Multilingual Community Interpreter Services to provide assistance to the steady growing multicultural population of Barrie. We currently have our brochure translated into Spanish and can access other languages as well. We are endeavoring to increase our connections with local aboriginal services including Barrie Native Friendship Centre and BRAWC.

As Outreach Group Facilitator, Linda has revived the OLE Outdoor Life Empowerment for Women and their Children for this summer. This partnership with the Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club will have twelve women and their children meeting every Thursday to plan their trip and learn new skills in anticipation of a luxurious 2 night stay at a five tree campsite at McRae Lake in July.

We are all extremely proud to be able to provide this valuable service to our community.

Beverley, Laurel and Linda

Transitional and Housing Support Program

ONGOING CHALLENGES

Again this year we continue to see three major areas of struggles and barriers for women when they are leaving their abusive relationships. 1) The legal aid family law lawyer's list has decreased making it extremely difficult to secure a lawyer in a timely matter. At the shelter we have had the privilege of volunteer lawyers offering women legal advice on a weekly basis. This has been an invaluable service to the women we serve. 2) Women who do not qualify for priority status with Ontario Housing often struggle finding decent & affordable accommodations due to the high rental amounts throughout the country. Women who do qualify for priority status are often faced with the ongoing challenge of securing short-term housing until subsidized units become available. 3) Often supports are split or relationships severed between family and friends making the physical move very difficult. Obtaining furniture from community agencies is a challenge as many have changed their procedures and now charge for these essential items. It is important that we continue to build relationships with these resources to provide the advocacy for women in need of their services.

ACTION

Advocacy remains an important part of the THSP program. Each woman's situation is looked at individually as to her needs and concerns for safety during her transition. Areas of advocacy can include but are not limited to Ontario Works, Ontario Housing, Children's Aid Society, and legal agencies.

This year at Christmas several women and their children with limited financial resources were provided with food hampers and gifts. The women all expressed their gratitude for the assistance and their desire to help others in the future.

CHANGES

In February one of the THSP staff, Wanda left the program to continue her career in the Mental Health field. In April we welcomed Danielle to the THS program. Danielle has been with the agency since April 2001 as a frontline worker. She is currently providing service to women from an office located in the Administrative wing of the shelter. In March Dorothy moved to the newly expanded Outreach office at 80 Bradford Street with Bev, Laurel and Linda. We are currently developing a new procedure manual for the THSP program.

TRAINING

Dorothy also attended a two-day training on Rage and Anger in Toronto. Certificates were received from the HINCKS-Dellcrest Center upon completion of both these workshops.

VISION

Our 2008 vision has become a reality, as supportive groups are now offered to women at the Outreach office. Linda is the facilitator of the groups and Dorothy often assists her as co-facilitator.

Dorothy and Danielle

Throughout the year...

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Agency staff participated in several organized events throughout the past year such as Take Back The Night March in September, and International Women's Day in March, staff also participated in an OAITH rally in Toronto in November to recognize the women and children who were murdered by abusive partners and fathers. The Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie coordinated and organized the December 6th Candlelight Vigil at the City Hall in Barrie and International Women's Day in March. These events held throughout the year are an important part of the work we do in collaboration with other community agencies to increase awareness of violence against women to advocate for gender equity as we strive to reduce the barriers that abused women face on a daily basis.

STAFF TRAINING

The staff has had formal opportunities for training this year. Our shelter hosted joint training with other county shelters and Colibri entitled 'Trauma Training for Frontline Workers' from the Hinks-Dellcrest Centre based in Toronto. At the end of the six day training staff received a Trauma Counselling Certificate. We also attended a one day team building event based on the book 'Shifting Sands: A Guidebook for Crossing the Deserts of Change' by Steve Donohue. In addition, individual staff members attended a variety of workshops and seminars throughout the year including Opening Closets III, a conference promoting equality and inclusion and Working More Effectively with Aboriginal Clients.

Future Initiative...

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

As part of our commitment to end the cycle of violence our staff has engaged in public education opportunities to further inform the community about violence against women. Presentations were made at the CAS "Take a Break" group, Young Parent Program, CTI College, Barrie Community Health Centre and Ontario Works. The staff also attended local schools to speak with students about healthy and unhealthy relationships. The feedback has confirmed that this is a much needed program.

The Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie in partnership with Green Haven Shelter for Women in Orillia and other agencies is planning to develop a Violence Prevention Program to take into Simcoe County Schools and to other community agencies. Preliminary contact has been very positive and supportive of this initiative. The outreach staff involved at this point, Danielle and Linda are excited to be developing a program aimed at violence prevention.

Pictures from throughout the year!



Marking International Day for the Elimination of Violence towards Women



Lynda Muir, executive director of the Women and Children's Shelter Barrie said a furry friend can help a child through a tough time.



Link-Line and Enbridge donate 15 hams for the holiday season to the Women & Children's shelter of Barrie



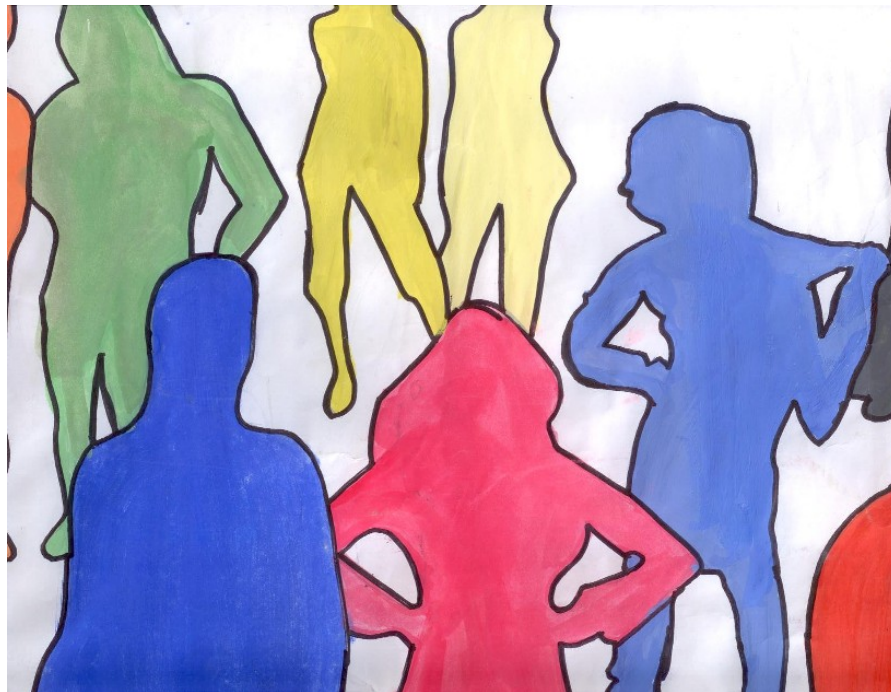
*Candlelight Vigil to Remember
MONTREAL MASSACRE on December 6 1989
Honoring the women who lost their lives as a result of domestic
violence, event hosted by The Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie*



Drawn by a 9 year old girl



Drawn by a 15 year old girl



A Client's Reflection

Hi, my name is Linda and I would like to tell you my story, or should I say nightmare. I have been in abusive relationships most of my life, started as a young child and into my adult life. I find myself nervous and don't trust a lot. My marriage of 15 years started when I was 17 to a very abusive man. He dislocated my shoulder, he gave me several black eyes and stitches to my mouth, and one night he tried to throw me out in the bitter cold Alberta night. I am from Ontario so I had no one to help me, no shelters where I was. The night he tried to throw me out I was saved by my darling daughter, by her crying he stopped. My poor girl. I found strength, saved some money and escaped. Believe me it was not easy but I wasn't putting my child through that any longer, he might start abusing her.

Many years later my daughter was grown up and gone, and I fell into another disaster, it seems to follow me. This was the latest relationship that I received help for at the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie. I was physically abused and mentally abused by this partner for 5 years. The last episode, to make a long story short, the police came and he tried to have me charged. I was the one beat up, the police suggested I go to a motel. I told them I had no money. Where will I go in the morning? They took me to a shelter in Mississauga. This was my first experience being in a shelter and it wasn't a very nice place or very nice people staying there. Here I was 50 years old, I was scared and didn't know what I was going to do, and I couldn't go to family. I was messed up bad physically and mentally. Something in me asked if they could help me, if Barrie had a shelter? I wanted to get away from him, I was afraid I would go back to him, I felt brain washed. The worker told me they had a bed at the shelter in Barrie, I couldn't believe it. They gave me \$10 for a ticket. I had some belongings in a green garbage bag and got on the bus to Barrie. The shelter had a taxi pick me up. When I stepped off the bus I felt that was my new beginning, but I was still scared.

I didn't call my family for a while, I was ashamed. I'm telling you it is really scary not having a home. The women at the shelter are wonderful, they are angels, they saved my life and gave me hope. I got right on helping myself, finding a room, looking for work; I had unemployment coming in so that helped. I was still very scared, couldn't go out to new places. I felt very alone. The only place I could find at the time was in a rooming house with all men. It was clean and no one bothered me but I was still very nervous.

I believe in God and prayed for strength, I still do. I believe he was a big part of helping me and the angels from the shelter also. A year later I got the best news from a wonderful lady named Dorothy from the shelter. I am sure you know her she's wonderful. She had an apartment for me. I was so happy in my little corner of the world; I am still there four years later. I still get nervous and scared but count my blessings.

I'm hoping to move to Cambridge some day to be near my only child and grandchild. I often have bad dreams about my past, but when I wake up I know I'm safe and it's only a nightmare.

I will never forget the Women and Children's Shelter and thank them from the bottom of my heart.

Keep up the good work and god bless
From a New Strong Women

Meet the Board of Directors



Dorothy Ramsay
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Sandy Cove Ladies Social
Essa Road Presbyterian Church
Canadian Woman's Foundation
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United Way of North York
St. James United -anonymous
Essa Road Presbyterian Church
Pope John Paul II School
United Way of Simcoe
Trillium Woods ES
Barrie North Collegiate
Angus United
Canadian Airborne Forces Ass
CAW-Canada Local 1991
Central United Church
City of Barrie
Civitan Club
Elementary Teachers Ass
Hawkey Church Management
Innisbrook Ladies Golf League
Innisfil Lioness Club
Kiwanis
Korean Veterans
Ladies Auxiliary 441 Wing AFAC
Lefroy UCW
Lions Club of Barrie
South Springwater Firefighters Assc.
St James United
St James United E. Duffy
St. John's Anglican Church Women
Wholistic Moms Group of Barrie
Women's Association of Essa Road

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