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Thank you. If you are reading this newsletter you have made a difference in the lives of others. It is generous contributions of time, effort and financial support that make it possible to continue the work we do in Guelph-Wellington.

In 2010, 12,856 volunteers hours were contributed to G-W WIC. Volunteers offer their time in many ways, including child and youth support, answering the Crisis Line, fundraising, and participating on the Board of Directors. Volunteers are essential to the work that we do and are always welcome.

We wish that we had space to publicly acknowledge all of the individuals and businesses that have made financial contributions to the agency this year. These donations give us the flexibility to administer funds where they are most needed to help women and children live free of violence and abuse.

Many thanks are due to the community groups and businesses who organize fundraising events to support G-W WIC. Some of those events have included:
- Aberfoyle Tim Horton’s Smile Cookie Campaign
- Dixon Lumber and Hardware Silent Auction
- U of G Engineering Students Teeter-Totter-a-thon
- Guelph Women in Networking Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction
- Junior Zonta Club at Centennial High.

To all the organizers and supporters, we thank you so much for working to support us in ending violence against women and children.

This past year was a especially difficult for many women in our community. Thank you to the dedicated employees here at G-W WIC. As a team we have achieved much this year.

To all the women that walk through our door throughout the year and have taken that first step, you are all amazing, strong and courageous women. Thank you for your strength, wisdom and endurance.

International Women’s Day - March 8, 2011

To commemorate International Women’s Day G-W WIC is going to officially open the Johnson Family Resource Library to the public. In 2010 the Johnson family donated money to G-W WIC to create a resource library for clients and staff to assist with their healing process. The library contains over 1000 books on a wide range of subjects, including domestic violence, sexual as-sault, mental health, health & wellness, addictions and self esteem.

Clients are welcome to come into the library to do research or just find a book to help them deal with any issues that they are facing.

Resource Library Grand Opening and IWD Celebration!

March 8, 2011
38 Elizabeth Street
10:00am to 12pm

Join the women of G-W WIC in celebrating IWD and the Grand Opening of the Resource Library!

NEW! G-W WIC’s Paperless Option

Send your name and e-mail address to feedback@gwwomenincrisis.org for a chance at 2 FREE TICKETS to our 15th Annual Dinner and Auction: March 26/2011.
December 6, 2010 marked the 21st anniversary of the Montréal Massacre, a tragic act of gender-based violence that left 14 young women dead.

Approximately 70 women, men and children joined together for a candle vigil which took place outside The Boathouse to commemorate the 14 women. Their names were read and candles lit to mark their loss.

The lives of the 23 women and children lost to gender-based and family violence this year in Ontario were also commemorated by the reading of their names and the lighting of candles. On display was a list of the 432 women and 55 children murdered between 1990 and 2009 in Ontario.

A local violinist, performed as community members reunited inside for a viewing of the Remembrance video. The video was compiled by Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses.

Current community initiatives to end violence against women and children also were highlighted and audio public service announcements created by local high school students were played.

The vigil was a chance to mourn our losses but also a call to action, encouraging members of the community to make a commitment to ending violence against women and children.

Special thank you to Mr. Scott Roberts who courageously spoke of his beloved daughter Adrienne Roberts. Adrienne was murdered by her partner on October 6, 2010.

Student Success

A new term has begun and G-W WIC has had to say goodbye to two of our Wilfrid Laurier MSW students, Denise and Pragya who were with us for a fall semester placement. Both women contributed many talents to the organization and WIC wishes them all the best successes.

Joining our full term placement students from the University of Waterloo, Jana, Becky and Thameena, are Linzy and Jessica M. from the MSW program at Wilfrid Laurier University. G-W WIC enjoys the opportunity to engage the next generation of social workers in working to improve the lives of women and children in our community.

NEW WEBSITE

We are excited to announce that the G-W WIC website is currently in the process of being re-constructed and re-built. The new website promises to be more user friendly and will have information for clients, future employees and volunteer applicants, as well as links to our event calendar, public education and programs offered.

G-W WIC is very grateful to Matthew C. French of M.C. French Marketing & Graphic Design, who has taken on the extensive process of creating a great website. Matthew has generously made it possible for us to have a state-of-the-art website that will allow us to better serve the women of our community. Matthew’s website can be found at www.mcfrench.com.

We will be announcing our launch date soon. Please keep your eye out for our new website in the spring of 2011.
15th Annual Dinner & Auction

The G-W WIC Dinner and Auction is celebrating its Crystal Anniversary this year and there are many great surprises in store!

Come and support women and children in our community by joining us for a sparkling evening including dinner, live and silent auctions, cash bar, live music, games and raffles.

Purschase a glass of sparkling wine for a chance to win a genuine diamond.

Saturday March 26th 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
Guelph Place, 492 Michener Rd, Guelph

Dinner & Auction Tickets are $50.00 per person.
For tickets, information or to donate please call 519-836-1110, visit www.gwwomenincrisis.org or become a friend of WIC on Facebook and invite your friends to this grand event.

Fundraising Update

Our 2011 GOAL is $200,000.00
Together we can reach our goal and it will be the first time we will have done so well.

Our fundraising total for the previous nine months (April to December) is $137,393.94!

Many thanks are due to the “third-party event” organizers. These are events that other groups put on with the proceeds coming to G-W Women in Crisis.

We have already received over $1400.00 so far this year in redeemed Zehr’s tapes and will have another amount ready soon. Thanks to the two Arlenes for all their assistance in adding up the tapes.

G-W WIC Donation Wish List

There are certain items which are critical in helping a woman move forward in a violence-free life. If you would prefer to donate items, the following is a list of things which are requested most often by women using our services:

- Bus Tickets
- Grocery Gift Cards
- Department store gift cards
- Gas cards
- Phone Cards
- Full size toiletries
- Diapers & baby wipes
- Personal hygiene products

Thanks to Kwik Kopy on Wyndam Road for all your support with our newsletter!
UPCOMING EVENTS

March
March 8 – International Women’s Day & Grand Opening of WIC Resource Library
March 21– International Day for the Elimination of Racism
March 26 – 15th Annual Auction & Dinner

April
April 10-16 – National Volunteer Week

May
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
May 8– Mother’s Day Run

From the New Editor
Since starting my new administrative position in November 2010 I have realized the extensive work and value that Women in Crisis contributes to the Guelph-Wellington community, from the dedicated volunteers to the generous donors and the amazing women employed at WIC. I look forward to my future at Women in Crisis as it’s a great place to work! Kellie Grace

E-Newsletter
Please email me your name and email address, and we can email you our newsletter electronically from now on! There will be a draw to win 2 tickets to our Annual Auction on March 26/2011

feedback@gwwomenincrisis.org

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24 hour Crisis Line: 519-836-5710
Marianne’s Place: 519-836-6831
Transitional Support: 519-836-6865
Sexual Assault Centre: 519-823-5806
Rural Women Support Program: 519-843-6834

United Way of Guelph & Wellington

The 2nd Annual Mother’s Day 5K Run, or a 3K Walk will be held in Fergus.

We had a great turn out last year as we celebrated personal goals being met. Who can think of a better way to celebrate & honour all of our mothers than walking beside them in support of Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis.

Men, women and children, come on out to run, walk, or cheer on runners as they cross the finish line! Awards and snacks to follow.

To register to participate, or to sponsor a runner, go to www.eventsonline.ca.

Thank you Reliable Ford of Fergus for generously providing sponsorship for this event.

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May 8, 2011
9:30 a.m.

Race Kit pick up and Registration at:
479 St. Patrick St. W.
Fergus, Ontario

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