NEWSLETTER
Fall/Winter 2011

Welcome to our fall/winter edition of our newsletter. The members of the Public Awareness Committee would like to share with you some exciting progresses and changes. You may not have heard from us for some time, but we are going strong and have been busy doing as much as we can to improve our facility and help those who require the services of People in Transition (Alliston) Inc., "My Sister's Place".

New Executive Director

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to you our new Executive Director, Deborah Herrington. A wide search was carried out for this position and Deborah was unanimously voted in. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge from her previous experiences, all focused in the areas of child and family social services. She has many years of experience at the Management level with Charitable and Non-Profit Organizations. Deborah possesses numerous qualities that make her the perfect candidate. She is gracious, calm, determined and a true pleasure to deal with. Please join us in welcoming Deborah in her new role. We are truly blessed to have her on board.

Second Stage Program

It is with great pride that we announce one of our greatest successes, the opening of our Second Stage Program. This housing program absolutely meets the growing needs of the communities that we serve, as is highlighted by its current 80% occupancy rate. It now meets all of our suggested requirements and recommendations to ensure affordable, safe and supported living accommodations. The units are currently subsidized by People in Transition (Alliston) Inc. The County of Simcoe is subsidizing 2 units. It is very rewarding to see the units being used for the intended purpose, and credit needs to be awarded to the Staff and Board of Directors for their ongoing efforts of seeing this long and winding project through to fruition.

3rd Annual Women's Christmas Showcase of South Simcoe

Tottenham Community Centre
Saturday, November 12, 2011
Admission $2.00

November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month. This year we will be holding our 3rd Annual Women's Christmas Showcase at the Tottenham Community Centre. In the past we have had a wide variety of female vendors, something for everyone and a great way to get a kick start on your Christmas shopping. Along with the many wonderful vendors, there will also be a silent auction and raffle. Bring the kids out and have their picture taken with Mrs. Claus. This is a wonderful event which enables you to support a local charity in your community. The Show is open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Candlelight Vigil

Each year on December 6th, Canadians gather to remember the fourteen young women who lost their lives at L'Ecole Polytechnique and all of the other women who have lost their lives due to violence. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. at The Blue Frog as we remember these women and recommit ourselves to ending the violence.

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Christmas Support

We would like to extend a big thank you to our community for your Christmas support in past years. This year, again, the women and children that access our services would greatly benefit from the community's support. If interested, individuals can sponsor our families through the Alliston Herald sponsorship program or please contact the Children's Program Worker at 705-435-9400 x 222.

Board of Directors

People in Transition Inc., "My Sister's Place" is a not-for-profit organization providing a broad range of services designated to alleviate the consequences of violence against women and their children, with the ultimate aim being its prevention and elimination.

We are currently seeking individuals who are able to commit their time and heart to this worthy and important cause.

Our current Board of Directors is as follows:

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