Is Violence Against Women Still a Serious Problem in Canada? Unfortunately, statistics show that…

Half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16.

67% of all Canadians say they personally know at least one woman who has been sexually or physically assaulted.

On average, every six days a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner. In 2011, from the 89 police reported spousal homicides, 76 of the victims (over 85%) were women.

On any given day in Canada, more than 3,300 women (along with their 3,000 children) are forced to sleep in a shelter to escape domestic violence. Every night, about 200 women are turned away as shelters are full.

Each year, over 40,000 arrests result from domestic violence—12% of violent crime in Canada. Since only 22% of all incidents are reported to the police, the real number is much higher.

In 2010, there were 582 known cases of missing or murdered Aboriginal women. Both Amnesty International and the United Nations called for action on this issue. It is estimated that if this figure were applied proportionately to the rest of the female population there would be over 18,000 missing women and girls."

More than one in ten Canadian women say they’ve been stalked by someone in a way that caused fear for their life.

According to the Department of Justice, Canada annually spends $7.4 billion to deal with the aftermath of spousal violence. This figure includes immediate costs such as emergency room visits and future costs such as loss of income, as well as tangible costs such as funerals, and intangible costs such as pain and suffering.

In a 2009 Canadian national survey, women reported 460,000 incidents of sexual assault in just one year. Only about 10% of all sexual assaults are reported to police. Only a handful of reported assaults ever result in a conviction: each year, only about 1,500 sexual assault offenders are convicted.

About 80% of sex trafficking victims in Canada are women and girls.

More than one in ten Canadian women say they’ve been stalked by someone in a way that caused fear for their life.

Let’s continue to work together to eliminate violence against women and children.
GivingTuesday marks the first day of the holiday giving season. Occurring annually on Tuesday after Black Friday and Cyber Monday, it’s a day that brings together individuals, companies and charities to support the causes that matter to them.

I would like to challenge each of you to give. It truly doesn’t even have to be a gift to us, but please consider something you believe to be a worthwhile cause or a charity doing important work that you admire—and give a gift this Christmas. I know you will be blessed.

If you do accept the challenge and do decide to select us, we thank you in advance! Our financial partnerships are a vital ingredient of our ability to provide services to vulnerable women & children.

We launched our new website several months ago (www.monarchplace.org) and you can go there and choose an online giving link – either through Canada Helps or CHIMP. Or if you access either of these sites directly, find us using the search words “Monarch Place”.

THANK YOU LOWES!

Our second stage house and residents were the grateful recipients of a new bathroom last year as a result of a LOWES community project. Without any effort on our part, LOWES came in, assessed what was needed to renovate the bathroom and eliminate the problems—and we and our residents are thrilled with the upgrade!

Recognition of our Donors....

Tribute…

Anita Hagen

May 6, 1931—June 5, 2015

Anita Hagen fulfilled a very important role in the beginning of Monarch Place. She volunteered to come alongside our organization to spearhead a fundraising drive for all the starting expenses. It was a daunting task but Anita made it look easy! Within 6 months she had secured commitments for everything we needed to renovate the house and yard, and completely equip the inside with kitchen and household essentials as well as furniture. She also laid the groundwork for many of the community connections and partnerships that we value today.

Anita will always be our inspiration for the work we do at Monarch Place. Her shining example of service and sacrifice, her unwavering devotion to supporting those in need, and her enormous wisdom freely shared, leave us a legacy to be treasured. She was a champion.

Throughout her professional life, Anita was always involved in education. She was a teacher, a school trustee, and finally the Minister of Education for BC. In her honour, her family has created the “Anita Hagen Community Service Award”. It will be presented each June to a Grade 12 student at NWSS who has volunteered extensively in the community. Contributions to this fund can be made to:

School District No. 40
1001 Columbia St.
New Westminster, BC V3M 1C4
Attn. Barbara Basden

Program Reflections…

“I have now been with Monarch Place for almost half a year and I can’t believe how quickly time has flown by. Previously I had worked at a recovery house which somewhat prepared me for the work I would be doing at Monarch.

Monarch is a place for women and children to come to when they are in dire situations. Never have I experienced a group of staff that is so committed to their clients as people and to the vision of the organization.

I can say with confidence that this job is the best that I have ever had. Every day, I find great fulfillment in what I do, and the house is filled with hardworking individuals who display strength of character, grace towards all, and they exude kindness. Not only that, but no day is short of laughter.”

Jess, Monarch Staff

“From the moment I arrived I felt like I had come home. Which is weird to say in a strange house full of strangers. This feeling of love and security showed me I wasn’t ever “home” with my husband. And the help to get organized and on my feet again was so thorough… an unbelievably wonderful experience. I’d do this again in a heartbeat… but hope I never will have to.”

Monarch Place Client
OUR MISSION STATEMENT...

To provide women and children in need the opportunity to gain strength and to live according to their true worth.

OUR PROGRAMS.... REPRESENTING 17 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY...

These numbers alone on a piece of paper are just that numbers. But, in reality, they represent the faces, voices, hearts, minds, dreams, hopes, and fears of the women and children who have sought our services since 1998...

Monarch Place Transition House is a fully staffed 12 bed emergency 1st stage shelter for women and children fleeing violence at home. (served 2471 women & 1470 children)

Chrysalis Place Second Stage House is an 11 bed residence offering a one year subsidized residential program designed to support women through an intensive recovery and healing process with the goal of creating safe independent living. (served 121 women & 66 children)

W.I.S.H.E.S (Women in Safe, Healthy, Empowering Support) is a curriculum-based community support group facilitating the journey to wholeness and healthy living. (served 477 women)

W.I.N.G.S. Multicultural Services provides specialized support and advocacy services to multi-cultural women living in the New Westminster area. (served 353 women)

W.I.N.G.S. Outreach Services supports women to find affordable housing, be connected to supportive community resources when they relocate, and navigate any necessary legal or court processes. (served 1037 women and 794 children)

W.I.N.G.S. Counselling Services provides confidential, non-judgmental counselling for women, families, & friends affected by domestic abuse. (served 182 women, men, and children)

Home Improvement: Men In Relationship provides a facilitated peer support program for men who wish to learn healthier ways of being in relationships. (served 78 men)

Our organization is primarily funded by BC Housing and The Ministry of Justice.

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Offering shelter and support to women and children

A recent resident commented,
“...When I first came here, it seemed like my brain was all over the place with no direction on what to do first. Somehow the care and support here has helped me to regain myself and take confident steps towards the future that is now ahead of us.”

Message from Executive Director

On the day we launched our new website (www.monarchplace.org), we immediately received feedback of how user friendly and helpful it is. We think so too! As well, our Facebook page has a great array of articles and info for you to browse through. Please check them out! We hope that you might find information there that will help inform you and your world.

Thank you to all who have supported us financially over this past year, those who have provided tangible items that have met the needs of the women we serve, and those of you who have given of your time to help us with our special projects and events.

Let me take this opportunity to express our best wishes to you for much peace and hope throughout the Christmas season and in 2016. May your home be filled with love and joy.

Warmest regards,

Lorrie Wasyliw, Executive Director

Spending of funds is confined to programs and projects approved by the organization. Each restricted contribution designated toward such an approved program or project will be used as designated with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met or cannot be completed for any reason determined by the organization the remaining restricted contributions will be used where needed most. Gifts are acknowledged and receipted with an official receipt for income tax purposes.

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