Program News…

We are just getting ready to begin construction on our 5 unit affordable rental housing building. Here is an architect sketch of what the building will look like! It has taken far more time than we had hoped for to get to this stage but we are hoping to announce to you next year that construction has been completed and our first families have moved in. We are grateful for the partnership with the City of New Westminster and BC Housing that means 5 of our client families will be able to live in a great neighbourhood and move forward with their lives in peace and safety.

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Fundscrip is our newest fundraising opportunity at WINGS!

Most of us purchase or use gift cards at Christmas or throughout the year. Fundscrip is an opportunity for you, through a safe and secure program, to support us while you do so! It’s as easy as purchasing a gift card to give as a gift, or to use a gift card to pay for your own purchases instead of credit, debit or cash. The big difference is that through Fundscrip, each gift card purchase that you make automatically includes a donation to us.

Here is how it works:

FundScrip offers gift cards from over 220 retailers and the amount of the donation to a charitable organization ranges from approximately 3% to 10% of the value of the gift card.

For example, if you purchase a $50 Esso gift card, you get a $50 Esso gift card and we would receive 3%. If you purchase a $50 gift card for Old Navy, you get a $50 Old Navy gift card and we receive 10%.

Go to: https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/ Use our group invitation code GJ49K6 when you create an account. It takes less than 2 minutes to sign up and then you can review all the participating retailers and complete your first order. You will see right away how much money your purchase means as a donation to WINGS. You will have the choice to download the cards or expect prompt delivery in the mail.

Recognition of our Donors....

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As you can imagine, the most difficult part of our job is hearing about things that have happened to the women and children we serve each day and seeing the impact that it has had in their lives.

We believe that parenting is the most important role we play in life and that to support a mom to be the best parent she can be is a very important part of how we can serve her effectively and support her to realize a safe, healthy, and peaceful life in the future.

Being able to share life with her and her children, even short term, can assist her to provide a different picture to her children who have been caught up in an abusive home. We know that these children learn what they live, things such as:

- It's okay to hurt others to get your own way...
- The world is a scary place, it is never safe....
- My mom is to blame, dad says it is all her fault...
- Promises don’t really matter...
- When dad hurts us, he doesn’t get into trouble....
- A person can love you and get to be mean to you at the same time....
- Men should always be in charge...
- Women are weak, helpless, and stupid...

However, we also know that children are resilient and can thrive, and that living with violence as a child is not a “life sentence” for a bad future. We can work with moms to change the lives of their children for the better, exchanging harmful thinking with positive messages, and developing life skills and healthy coping strategies that will provide stability in the years ahead.

It has been our privilege to see children over the years who have grown up and escaped the cycle of violence in their lives.
**OUR MISSION STATEMENT...**

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

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**OUR PROGRAMS.... REPRESENTING 19 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY...**

*These programs 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 in NEW WESTMINSTER** is a fully staffed 12 bed emergency 1st stage shelter for women and children fleeing violence at home.

**AZURE PLACE TRANSITION HOUSE in DELTA** is a fully staffed 8 bed emergency 1st stage shelter for women and children fleeing violence at home.

**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.

**W.I.S.H.E.S (WOMEN IN SAFE, HEALTHY, EMPOWERING SUPPORT)** is a curriculum-based community support group facilitating the journey to wholeness & healthy living.

**W.I.N.G.S. MULTICULTURAL SERVICES** provides specialized support and advocacy services to multi-cultural women living in the New Westminster area.

**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.

**W.I.N.G.S. COUNSELLING SERVICES** provides confidential, non-judgmental counselling for women, families, & friends affected by domestic abuse.

**MENTOR (MEN TRANSFORMING OUR RELATIONSHIPS) IN NEW WESTMINSTER AND SURREY** provides a facilitated peer support program for men who wish to learn healthier ways of being in relationships.

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

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**Message from Executive Director**

When I read the comment offered by a recent resident in the left column just above, I am reminded that being able to provide a lifeline can mean the difference between hope and despair, courage and fear, violence and peace. We hope you would recommend our services to someone you encounter someday who needs that lifeline.

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 2018. May your home be filled with love and joy.

Warmest regards,

Lorrie Wasylw, Executive Director