



# Women & Children's Shelter (barrie)

Children don't need to see the abuse to be affected



e-newsletter - Fall/Winter'06/07

## Since 1981...providing women and their children with a safe place to heal.



### The Women & Children's Shelter (barrie) joins with Integra Graphic Design Studio...

As a result of a Capacity Building Grant from the Ministry of Community & Social Services, the Women & Children's Shelter (barrie) together with Integra Graphic Design Studio, ([www.integradesigns.com](http://www.integradesigns.com)) has created a new logo, a new website and a new marketing/communications plan that will promote our

visibility and increase community awareness about our services and programs.

*One of our first special and on-going activities will be the regular distribution of this Newsletter, via email.*

*Well, here goes..... do enjoy!*

Sylvia Patfield  
Executive Director

visit our new website at:  
[www.barrieshelter.com](http://www.barrieshelter.com)

### Important Dates

November is Wife Assault Prevention Month

November 25th - The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

December 6th - a National Day of Remembrance and Action to End Violence against Women and Children

If you know a woman who's being abused, speak up for her and her children

(United Nations study on violence against women 2006)

### Barrie Mayor Rob Hamilton supports November as "Wife Assault Prevention Month."

November provides us an opportunity to raise awareness about violence against women and to address its prevention.



In terms of awareness, did you know that in Ontario, since June of 1995, 234 women, 34 children and 8 friends were

murdered, where a partner was charged or committed suicide? When you put those numbers in some perspective, it equates to half of all the staff employed by the City of Barrie. Shocking isn't it? More shocking is the fact that these particular women and children were purposely stalked, strangled, stabbed, shot and/or bludgeoned to death in a very cold and calculating way.

Even more frightening, many of these women had restraining orders against their perpetrators, had accessed shelter services for safety, had a partner who had a history of domestic violence that included police involvement, past criminal convictions and even death threats. It leaves me wondering where we went wrong, what needs to change and what more we could have done as a community to ensure their safety.

**Our emergency shelter provides services to approximately 420 women & children each year, while our Satellite Office sees about 600 new clients each year.**

**Our Mission:** The Women & Children's Shelter (barrie) provides a safe refuge and emergency support services for abused women and their children in its commitment to end the cycle of violence.

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Since 1981, the Women & Children's Shelter (barrie) has provided emergency shelter to over 9500 women & children. Our outreach office has seen over 10,000 women. We've received in excess of 25,000 calls for help. Barrie Police Service attended a total of 1303 domestic related occurrences in 2005 with 514 criminal charges laid. From January until August 2006, 940 domestic related occurrences were investigated with 440 criminal charges laid. That's an 8% increase in 2006.



## Did you know that we have the following programs and services for women and their children who have experienced abuse in their lives.

### Shelter Services Program

Provides emergency shelter, safety & support, counselling, emergency transportation, information, referral and advocacy. We also provide support, activities & services for children.

### Satellite Services Program

Provides legal advocacy and information, referrals, court support and short-term solution focussed counselling. Services are by appointment only and free of charge. Call Bev or Laurel at 721-9977.

### Transitional & Housing Support Program

Provides services to women who have experienced domestic violence and are trying to establish lives separate from their abuser. Services include: safety planning, referrals to counselling programs, support in finding and maintaining housing, advocacy with third parties, follow-up support.

Call Dorothy at 728-6300 ext. 228 or Christine at 728-6300 ext 229.



## Want to help during the Holiday Season?

We are always in need of unwrapped gifts for women as well as children.

Your tax-deductible financial donation would help us provide for women and children all year long.

(Charitable # 12995 1588 RR001)

Did you know that \$1.00 a day for a month will buy juice boxes for a child's school lunches for a week?

Did you know that our cost for milk every week is \$75.00?

## Wondering how you can help?

Although we don't have a formal volunteer program, we do need help with the following: Translation/Interpreter services. ... If you speak a language other than English we need your help. Call us at 728-6300 ext 227.

Although donations are always appreciated we particularly need: children's lunch items for school, fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, juice, fresh meat, diapers and baby toiletries.

*"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded."* Maya Angelou

### Watch For:

- ... our street banners on several of the main streets in Barrie during the month of November
- ... our flag flying at City Hall during the month of November

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