



Halton Women's Place  
Healthy Relationships • Healthy Communities

# Update

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## Fall Greetings from the Executive Director

Stepping into the role of Executive Director last year, I envisioned Halton Women's Place becoming the agency that would be looked to as the model of excellence in service delivery to women and children escaping abuse and violence in their lives. As I look forward, I envision a time when shelters are no longer needed: a time when women enjoy true equality and therefore freedom from violence. As we embark on our 30th year we will continue to work toward this goal. To this end it is imperative that we invest in our clients, reach out to those who live in fear, isolation and loneliness. Woman abuse continues to be a terrifying reality for hundreds of thousands of women from all walks of life. At Halton Women's Place, we value our clients above all. Our counsellors provide safe, diverse and accessible services where women can explore the impact violence has had on them and their children. Through the provision of individual and group counselling, women and children are able to share their fears and pain, and are empowered to learn healthy coping strategies that will allow them to move on with their lives. Last year we provided services to over 800 women and 1000 children through our Residential, Transitional and Housing Support and Bridging Families programs.



Over the past eighteen months I've had the pleasure of working with a most dedicated team of individuals, from our Board of Directors who give selflessly of their time and counsel, an engaged management team whose input is invaluable, the staff who provided innovative and thoughtful programming; and the volunteers and community partners who work with us every day in our quest to eliminate violence against women. This past year we received wonderful support from our funders and donors. This ongoing support and fundamental belief in the work we do is very much appreciated. Several improvements were made to both shelters this year. The south shelter received a new roof and renovated kitchen, both facilities were painted and new furniture was purchased for the resident lounges. We extend our sincere thanks to our funders and donors. These long overdue improvements would not have been possible without this support. On behalf of the women and children who live at Halton Women's Place thank you.

My greatest wish is that we will put ourselves out of business. To close our doors for the last time would mean that our services are no longer needed. Until that day comes, Halton Women's Place will continue to proudly serve the women and children from our community. *"Because A Life Without Violence Is The Only Life To Live"*.

Diane Beaulieu, *Executive Director*

### Woman Abuse: The Facts . . .

- 50% of all Canadian women have experienced at least one incident of violence since the age of 16 (*Source: Statistics Canada*)
- 1 in 4 women in Canada experiences abuse from an intimate partner in her lifetime (*ibid*)
- Children witnessed violence against their mothers in almost 40% of violent marriages (*Violence Against Women Survey*)
- Young women under 25 are at greatest risk of spousal homicide (*Family Violence in Canada: Statistical Profile, Statistics Canada*)
- 20% of women who leave an abusive partner experience continued (and often more severe) violence during or after the separation (*Canadian Social Trends, Statistics Canada*)

## Introducing the New Development Department Team!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome back **Carm Bozzo** from maternity leave. Carm welcomed her second son, Jacob, in May 2008 and has now accepted the position of Development Manager with HWP. Carm is responsible for fundraising planning, major events, donor stewardship, event management, public relations and communication.

Carm has been with HWP since 2004 as our Special Event and Volunteer Coordinator. Carm can be reached at 905-332-1200, ext. 222 or by email at [cbozzo@haltonwomensplace.com](mailto:cbozzo@haltonwomensplace.com).

As well, I am happy to introduce our new Development Associate, **Diane Boumeester** to our team. Diane will support the Development Department with in house and third party events, volunteers and holiday hamper.

Diane was most recently working with Special Olympics coordinating Hometown Games locally and throughout the province. She has worked closely with local community groups in this effort, and in recruiting and supporting teams of volunteers. Diane and her family have volunteered in Holiday Hamper programs with local food banks as well. Diane can be reached at 905-332-1200, ext. 244 or [dboumeester@haltonwomensplace.com](mailto:dboumeester@haltonwomensplace.com).

**Diane Beaulieu**, *Executive Director*



## Holiday Hamper Volunteers Needed

It's Holiday Hamper Time at Halton Women's Place. Last year, together with the assistance of all our Hamper sponsors and volunteers, we were able to give more than 300 women and their children a Holiday Hamper. Wow!

We need you! To make all our deliveries on time we need volunteers to sort, wrap and deliver the gifts. Volunteers are needed from November 23 until December 21. Sign up for our volunteer Holiday Hamper Orientation scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

If you are interested please contact **Diane Boumeester**, *Development Associate* at 905-332-1200, ext. 244 or email [dboumeester@haltonwomensplace.com](mailto:dboumeester@haltonwomensplace.com).

## GALA 2010

*Halton Women's Place presents*  
**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Dinner,  
Dance and Auction**

**Saturday, February 27, 2010**

**Oakville Conference Centre**  
5:30 Reception • 6:30 Dinner

**\$150 per person**

*Includes sit down dinner and  
open bar, silent and live auction,  
draws for stunning diamonds,  
entertainment and dancing!*

*For further information,  
contact Diane Boumeester  
905-332-1200, ext. 244  
[dboumeester@haltonwomensplace.com](mailto:dboumeester@haltonwomensplace.com)*

**Ramsden Training & Halton Women's Place**  
present the

## 6th Annual Riverside Walk

*"for a safer tomorrow"*

**Sunday, September 27, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. Start, Registration 9:30 a.m.**

**Lions Valley Park, along Sixteen Mile Creek, Oakville**

**NEW PARKING LOCATION - Along Fourth Line South**



**5 km Riverside Walk**  
Slightly challenging

**2 km Riverside Walk**  
Family Friendly, relaxed pace  
**RAIN or SHINE**  
**\$25 Registration Fee**



*(Please note, the closest washroom will be at the Tim Horton's on Upper Middle Rd.)*

For more information, contact **Carm Bozzo**, *Development Manager*  
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Register on line at [www.haltonwomensplace.com](http://www.haltonwomensplace.com)

**Snacks will be donated by Whole Foods, Oakville**

## Donor Wall To Be Unveiled!

A donor wall, which will highlight donors who have contributed \$5,000 and more in cash, will be highlighted in our Burlington shelter foyer. HWP will have a special unveiling for all donors. Stay tuned!

Without our generous donors, we couldn't keep  
doing the great work we do!

## Third Party Events are Number ONE!

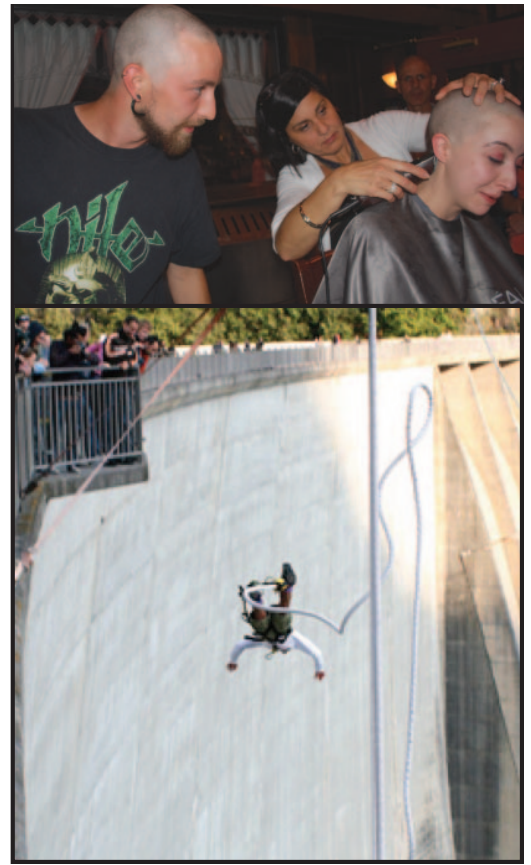
Halton Women's Place is so thankful to our third party fundraisers. In 2009 you hosted, organized and attended events. Your hard work paid off as you raised over \$60,000.00 for Halton Women's Place. All of you who organized these third party events are a huge part of our success in awareness initiatives and fundraising goals! *Thank you for your support and dedication.*

One very unique fundraiser was put together by Jennifer Gill, a wait staff member of the Niblick Pub in Oakville. In August, Jennifer held a raffle at the pub and at the same time, collected pledges and donations to shave her head for Halton Women's Place! Joseph Di Lorenzo decided to join Jennifer's courageous action and got his head shaved that night too for HWP. Jennifer says she couldn't have done it without friend Ken Stockhill. The Niblick Pub will be matching donations up to \$2000! Shave for Shelter has raised close to \$5,000 and continues to raise more! *Shave for Shelter was a big success!!*

Another very courageous third party event is taking place Saturday, September 26th in Switzerland as Milton Town Councillor, Greg Nelson is attempting to break the record of number of bungee jumps from the Versaza Dam! All proceeds will be directed to Halton Women's Place, Halton Learning Foundation and The Deck Youth Centre. You can still donate to this event [www.gravitygivesproject.ca](http://www.gravitygivesproject.ca).

If your organization or workplace would like to get involved in a third party event, please contact **Diane Boumeester** 905-332-1200, x 244 or email [dboumeester@haltonwomensplace.com](mailto:dboumeester@haltonwomensplace.com).

*We look forward to putting the FUN into fundraising!*



## Staff Recognized for Long Term Service

This year HWP recognized 7 staff members with long-term service awards. The picture on the left has Kristina Mark, Chris Theroux and Jenni Leworthy. The picture on the right has Freda Shannon and Joanna Burgess with Executive Director, Diane Beaulieu. Absent is Vanitha Bastianpillai.

*Thank you women for your hard work and commitment!*



## Golf Tournament

On June 4th, we had a wonderful day with sunny skies, warm breezes and great golf! The success of this event – our 17th Annual Golf Tournament - was made possible by all who supported this year's tournament. Our sponsors, golfers and merchandise donors, ensured the tournaments success for another year. Once again this year we had a number of first time attendees; it is great to see so many members of the community working along side us to end violence against women. This year Halton Women's Place raised more than \$20,000!

Special thanks go out to our golf committee, chaired by Domenic Rapini as well as all our sponsors, including... Hal Johnson and Joanne MacLeod from Body Break, Dan Dunleavy of the FAN 590 and golf pro, Bob Dailey.

*Our next tournament is Thursday, June 3rd, 2010. See you there!*



*Foursome from CIBC Wood Gundy - Oakville.*

# Donor Recognition

January 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

*We wish to acknowledge and thank the following donors who have contributed to Halton Women's Place. Without them we could not accomplish our work.*

## \$500+

A.R.C. Accounts Recovery Corporation, *Burlington*  
Almost There Inc., *Burlington*  
Caroline Archer, *Burlington*  
BMO Employee Charitable Foundation, *Toronto*  
Burlington Hydro Inc., *Burlington*  
Burlington Taxi Inc., *Burlington*  
C2 Art From The Heart, *Campbellville*  
Chaka Chikodzi, *Peterborough*  
Cineflix, *Montreal*  
Cookie Jar Company, *Toronto*  
Danieli Corus Inc., *Burlington*  
Deloitte & Touche LLP, *Burlington*  
Sami Evans, *Burlington*  
FS Swan Lake Development Ltd., *Mississauga*  
Full House Franchise Systems Ltd., *Oakville*  
Angela Gravelle, *Stoney Creek*  
Mark Grodski, *Burlington*  
Halton Women's Place Board of Directors, *Burlington*  
Hydro Systems, *Cincinnati, OH*  
Joe Dog's Gasbar Grill, *Burlington*  
Knox Presbyterian Church, *Oakville*  
Kyle & Van Der Steen, LLP, *Oakville*  
Laker Energy Products Ltd., *Burlington*  
Lucio's Gold, *Markham*  
Mandarin Restaurant Franchise Corp., *Brampton*  
Marex Midcontinental Logistics, *Mississauga*  
Richard Martin, *Kingston*  
Memory Lane Limousine, *Milton*  
Caren Olivier, *Oakville*  
Shirley Paterson, *Oakville*  
Private Giving Foundation, *Toronto*  
Quality Tube Supply Ltd., *Ancaster*  
R.J.R. Lawn & Garden Care, *Campbellville*  
R.W.T.O., *Oakville*  
Royal Canadian Naval Association, *Burlington*  
Ron Sleightholm, *Oakville*  
Tom Spragge, *Toronto*  
Stonegate Properties, *Campbellville*  
TD Bank Financial Group, *Toronto*  
United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton, *Hamilton*  
United Way of Oakville, *Oakville*  
United Way of Peel Region, *Mississauga*  
Wellings Planning Consultants, *Burlington*  
Westbury, *Oakville*  
Doreen Wilson, *Burlington*  
Debbie Yip, *Mississauga*  
Your CFO Wealth Management, *Burlington*

## \$1,000+

Alegna Corporate Events, *Hamilton*  
Aviva Canada Inc., *Scarborough*  
Diane Beaulieu, *Milton*  
Jean Belshaw, *Georgetown*  
Gary Black, *Milton*  
Bronte Seventh Day Adventist Church, *Oakville*  
Canadian Tire Financial Services, *Welland*  
Canadian Tire Foundation for Families, *Toronto*  
Charles R Beaudoin Public School, *Burlington*  
CHCH News, *Hamilton*  
CIBC Small Business, *Oakville*  
CIBC Wood Gundy, *Oakville*  
City of Burlington, *Burlington*  
Clothing for Charity Limited, *Burlington*  
CMA Dishmachines, *Garden Grove, CA*  
COGECO Cable Systems Inc., *Burlington*  
Corporate Autoworks, *Burlington*  
Paul Couture, *Burlington*  
Crosswinds Golf & Country Club, *Burlington*  
Dundee Realty Management Corp., *Burlington*  
East Side Mario's, *Burlington*  
Elementary Teachers Federation, *Burlington*  
Emma's Backporch, *Burlington*  
Reta Fowler, *Burlington*  
Gary Bourke's Painting, *Burlington*  
Gearheads, *Milton*  
Don Gemmell, *Oakville*  
Genworth Financial Canada, *Oakville*  
Juanita Gledhill, *Hamilton*  
Gordon Food Service, *Milton*  
Groupex Systems Canada Inc., *Toronto*  
Halton Blues Society, *Burlington*  
Halton Chiropractic & Physiotherapy Ctr., *Burlington*  
Halton Regional Police Services Board, *Oakville*  
Hood Packaging Corp., *Burlington*  
Vicki Hopton, *Oakville*  
IBM Employees' Charitable Fund, *Markham*  
Johnson Diversey, Inc., *Oakville*  
Laura Kupferschmidt, *Oakville*  
Cindy Lunau, *Milton*  
Matrix Marketing Concepts Inc., *Burlington*  
Deborah Maw, *Toronto*  
Michael Pinball Clemons Foundation, *Toronto*  
Molinaro Group Inc., *Burlington*  
Navistar Canada-Vital Life, *Burlington*  
Ardis Nelson, *Burlington*  
Oakville Newcomers Club, *Oakville*  
Oakville Power Boat Club, *Oakville*

Pioneer Petroleums, *Burlington*  
Ray Pomroy, *Mississauga*  
Pro Distribution, *Burlington*  
Rob-Geof Properties Ltd., *Binbrook*  
Rock Wood Casual Furniture, *Oakville*  
Rotary Club of Oakville / Charitable Trust, *Oakville*  
SB Partners, *Burlington*  
Paul Singleton, *Campbellville*  
TD Canada Trust Small Business Banking, *Burlington*  
TD Waterhouse Private Client Services, *Burlington*  
Ten Thousand Villages, *Burlington*  
The Burlington Post, *Burlington*  
Tina Triano, *Oakville*  
Susan Trnka, *Waterdown*  
Wal-Mart Canada Corp., *Mississauga*  
Wal-Mart Canada Incorporated #3034, *Georgetown*  
Jane Wightman, *Oakville*

## \$5,000+

Astral Media Radio Group, *Hamilton*  
Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd., *Burlington*  
Canadian Women's Foundation, *Toronto*  
CAW TCA Local 414, *Milton*  
Dairy Queen Canada Inc., *Burlington*  
May Court Club of Oakville, *Oakville*  
Prime Restaurants, *Mississauga*  
Jennifer Rivett, *Milton*  
Royal LePage Shelter Foundation, *Toronto*  
Joyce Smalley, *Oakville*  
The Community Foundation of Oakville, *Oakville*  
The Toskan Casale Foundation, *Toronto*  
United Way of Greater Toronto, *Toronto*  
Virox Technologies Inc., *Oakville*

## Upcoming Community Events

**Holiday Campaign Kick off**  
*November 12, 2009*

Canyon Creek Chophouse – Burlington

**Curl for Kids 13th Annual Charity Auction & Bonspiel**

Milton Curling Club – *February 2010*

**Halton Women's Place**

**15th Annual Gala – Dinner Dance & Auction**  
Oakville Conference Centre - *February 27, 2010*

**Daisy of Hope Campaign**  
*April – May 2010*

**Halton Women's Place**  
**18th Annual Golf Tournament**

*Thursday June 3, 2010 at Crosswinds Golf Club*

*For event details contact Diane Boumeester at [dboumeester@haltonwomensplace.com](mailto:dboumeester@haltonwomensplace.com) or at 905-332-1200, ext. 244.*