

What's Next?

Our **What's Next? Fund** supports innovative programs that address the tough journey of rebuilding a life after the initial crisis of escaping domestic violence has passed.

As a result of compassionate donor support, this fund is making it possible to overcome some of the many challenges presented by COVID-19.

We have started the process of creating new physical distancing meeting spaces where women can safely access YWCA Transition & Court Support services at our downtown Peterborough location, with or without their children, when phone or text support is not an option.

This project is possible thanks to the combined generosity of supporters as well as the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough who are helping to ensure that YWCA programs receive reliable support, year after year.

For further details, please visit our website or contact Corinna Campbell at ccampbell@ywcapeterborough.org or 705-743-3526 x128.



Adapting to Change | Safety and Support for Women & Children

For almost 130 years, YWCA Peterborough Haliburton has been a safe gathering place for women. And while many of the ways in which we provide service have changed over the past seven months, we continue to find meaningful ways of welcoming women and their children into the safety and sisterhood of our network of support.

We're adapting to our new shared reality by:

- implementing nimble service delivery approaches that meet pandemic safety guidelines while honouring the specific needs of survivors of violence;
- developing new and innovative strategies for both reaching and supporting women who are particularly isolated;
- building meaningful philanthropic relationships that address the growing need for support caused by the pandemic; and,
- leading collaborative advocacy that supports strong, successful community partnerships.

We look forward to sharing our progress with you as we continue this journey, together.

How has day-to-day life at Crossroads Shelter changed due to COVID-19?

- We are able to provide shelter for up to 8 families comfortably while allowing space for physical distancing and deep cleaning of shared spaces.
- Women and children are wearing masks in the common areas but are free to remove them in their own rooms.
- There are currently 6 rooms designed for quarantine space, which can also be used to provide immediate accommodation for women and children in high risk situations.
- All meals are currently being prepared by the shelter cook. Everything is individually packaged and tables have been assigned to each family to ensure adequate physical distancing.



A message of thanks from Kim Dolan

YWCA Executive Director

To our volunteers, members, donors and partners, thank you for your continued commitment through the most challenging of times. Your steadfast support has made it possible for our team to continue working tirelessly, without fail, to provide the best possible services and supports to women in our vast region of Peterborough and Haliburton Counties.

Our provincial and federal governments have helped immensely, as have the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough, the United Way of Peterborough & District, YWCA National, the provincial shelter association, OAITH, and community partners throughout the region, making it possible for us to move through crisis to possibility.

As we look to the future, our collective strength and the resiliency which brought us through the pandemic thus far, will sustain us into the recovery phase and beyond.

I'd love to connect! Please reach out to me by phone or email at 705-743-3526 x112 or kdolan@ywcapeterborough.org.



Developing New Skills | Our Stories Our Voices

To help reduce social isolation and stigma, Nourish has started a project with the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation that will train women to share their stories of poverty, racialization, criminalization, disability, or substance use with the community.



Although we are just beginning this process, we are excited to eventually share these stories with you. In the coming months, we will be promoting a series of videos and virtual events that capture the varied experiences of our participants and we hope you'll engage with them when the time comes.

Leaving a Legacy | John Nicholson's Story



John Nicholson loved his children, the outdoors, people, hard work, sports, and he always made time to recognize a good deed, generosity and kindness. He was witness to such acts of care offered by the YWCA Crossroads Shelter community and saw fit to leave a donation in his Will.

John passed away in January 2018 after a long and difficult battle with cancer. His beloved daughter Courtney died just days before him.

Bear Lake Mountain, Madawaska Valley, Ontario - "On This Ridge Lay the Spirits of John and Courtney Nicholson. Their Outskirts to Heaven."

We are deeply appreciative of John's compassionate support and the lasting impact his gift will have upon the lives of local women and children!

To learn more about how you can leave a lasting legacy, contact Corinna Campbell at 705-743-3526 x128 or ccampbell@ywcapeterborough.org.



Join us in taking action to
STOP
 Gender-Based Violence

Taking Action | 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until December 10, Human Rights Day, to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

This past year, we have witnessed the erosion of three decades of progress on gender equity, with dramatic setbacks on women’s safety, equity in the workforce, access to affordable childcare, and equal distribution of household labour. Join us as we push for a #FeministRecovery and an end to violence, alongside women from across the country and around the world.

To learn more about how you can get involved in upcoming YWCA advocacy efforts, please visit our website or contact us at info@ywcapeterborough.org or 705-743-3526.

Leading Local Change | Become a Member of the YWCA

We’re seeking local feminists who are interested in joining our movement to end gender-based violence. As a member of YWCA Peterborough Haliburton you will:

- Build a strong advocacy voice for women and girls and help improve their lives
- Support YWCA programs and services in our community
- Vote on matters important to the YWCA, and elect the Board of Directors at YWCA Peterborough Haliburton’s Annual General Meeting

**It is the policy of the YWCA that the fee shall not be a barrier to membership. If you are unable to pay the full membership fee (\$20), please pay an amount that suits your budget.*

Complete an application or learn more by visiting our website or by contacting Yvonne Porter at yporter@ywcapeterborough.org or 705-743-3526 x120.



Thank you to our Incredible Turning Point Partners!

Our Turning Point Partners make an annual commitment of \$1,000 or more to support the YWCA’s work and help women and children escape violence.

This committed support is an investment that improves the lives of people in need – building a stronger community for everyone.

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- John & Val Du Manoir
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- Linda and Alan Slavin
- Dr. Virginia Walley & Carla Rinaldo
- Jill Ritchie & Bruce Wurtele
- Anonymous (4)

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Celebrating Your Support | Recent Acts of Kindness

Giving from the Heart | 2020

Going the extra mile to help make life better for others is reason to celebrate! Special thanks to Patricia and David Morton whose generosity is helping to address the increasing need for Outreach Services in Haliburton County, and RBC Foundation whose support is helping to fund Crossroads Shelter and Nourish.

Follow us for weekly good news stories and photos, and help spread the positivity during challenging times.

For more information about corporate or community partnerships, please contact Ria Nicholson at 705-743-3526 x113 or rnicholson@ywcapeterborough.org.

A huge THANK YOU to our local Virtual Challenge Sponsors!

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- Wolf 101.5 FM, Global Peterborough and Fresh Radio 100.5



As we look ahead to the holiday season, it's hard to know what our celebrations may or may not include this year. When deciding which traditions are safe to keep, we hope that 'helping others' will be at the top of your list!

Please consider becoming a YWCA holiday sponsor or donating a gift card. Gift cards offer women the freedom and autonomy to select needed supplies and gifts for their own children - *something that may not have been possible while trapped in an abusive relationship.*

Visit our new online **Holiday Giving** page or contact our office to learn more. Thank you for helping us build new traditions that support the health and safety of women and their children, as well as our entire community!

Consider helping us move to greener, less expensive electronic communications by updating your contact information with Alissa Paxton at 705-743-3526 x120 or apaxton@ywcapeterborough.org today.



We're here for women, as well as the people who love and support them. If you or someone you know needs help, contact us day or night.

24 Hour Support & Crisis Line:

CALL | 1-800-461-7656

TEXT | 705-991-0110

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