Thank You to our Community Partners

BNI AND women's business network OF PETERBOROUGH CONNECT ⊘ DEVELOP ⊘ GROW

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton is proud to be a BNI Revolution Peterborough chapter member. As an organization, BNI Revolution is a 41-year-old business and professional networking group that looks to connect members from different trades and professions together to learn and grow. We are immensely grateful to all BNI members who help us help those escaping gender-based violence--all part of BNI's "Giver's Gain" philosophy! For more information about BNI, visit: https://bnicanada.ca/en-CA/index

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton is also proud to be a member of the Women's Business Network (WBN) of Peterborough, which has supported our organization since before 1995. An organization of strong women leaders from throughout the community, the WBN was first established in 1961 with the goal of women uniting their voices and sharing knowledge. Thank you to all WBN members who help us make a positive difference in our community For more information about WBN, visit: https://wbnptbo.ca/

Finally, we would like to thank the following community partners for consistently working alongside us to share information, knowledge, and resources. We would not be able to achieve our work without your help, and we look forward to continuing these partnerships into the future. Together, we can create strong community voices.

Thank You — Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre — KWIC — PATH — partners in pregnancy clinic — john howard society Ontario — Yes SHELTER FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES — GPBG GREATER PETERBOROUGH BUSINESS GROUP

Hope for the Holidays | Help Women and Children Find Their Healing Path



With the season of Giving almost here, YWCA Peterborough Haliburton would like to thank all community members who donate items or gift cards to the women, children, and gender-diverse individuals staying with us over the holidays. Every donation we receive goes a long way towards providing more brightness, joy, and stability to those in need.

If you are interested in giving a gift this holiday season, please check out our website and socials for a list of needed items. For gift cards, please consider giving those for gas, groceries, pharmacies, or department stores.

For more information about how to help give the gift of safety this holiday season, please contact: AKatoch@ywcapeterborough.org

YWCA PETERBOROUGH HALIBURTON

We're here for women and the people who love 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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Gratitude Edition NEWSLETTER

YWCA PETERBOROUGH HALIBURTON

A Message from the Director of Philanthropy

As we enter into the fall season, I want to begin by touching on the theme of this newsletter: Gratitude.

When it comes to working for YWCA Peterborough Haliburton, there are many things that make me feel grateful.

I am grateful, first and foremost, for the amazing YWCA staff and Board of Directors who, everyday, work towards creating a more equitable and caring community. This work would also not be possible without the generosity of kind community members, and so I am additionally grateful for everyone who chooses to help support the women, children, and gender-diverse individuals we serve.

Every donation, no matter the scale, supports hope from fear and healing from hurt.

Finally, I am grateful to every client who walks through our doors. It is an incredibly brave thing to speak out against abuse, and I am thankful to each and every individual who trusts us with their story and their future.

At YWCA Peterborough Haliburton, our programs and services work to create a Journey of Care, but through this, they also represent a journey towards a community that is more connected, aware, and safe for all.

So, to all who are with us on this journey, from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Yours in gratitude, Tina Thornton
Director of Philanthropy

The Newest Member of Our Fundraising Family | Introducing Akshana

This summer, we were very excited to welcome our new Fund Development Manager, Akshana Katoch. Driven and passionate to help those in need, Akshana brings years of relevant sales and business experience to the role.

"I'm excited to bring my experience and relationships within the local business community to my role at YWCA Peterborough Haliburton. My goal is not only to grow fundraising for the organization and build strong community partnerships, but to also create greater visibility and awareness of what YWCA truly does. I often say, it takes a community to support the community. I want more people to understand the impact of this needed work and the types of support and shelter that this organization provides to those impacted by domestic violence. I am honoured to be part of this work and am excited to help join more people to our mission."

– Akshana Katoch (2026)

Since starting in the role, Akshana has already begun to build new connections between YWCA and community partners, while also working to strengthen those connections that the organization has long upheld.

Foremost in this work to develop even stronger connections with businesses and community groups, Akshana has developed Activation Kits to make it easy for donors to support our programs and services in an individualized way. If you are looking to host a fundraising event for YWCA and don't know where to begin, the materials in our new Activation Kits can help get you started. We are excited to work with businesses and community groups to help tailor their philanthropic interests to our vision. For more information, contact Akshana at: AKatoch@ywcapeterborough.org, or by phoning 705-743-3526 x 131



If you are looking for further inspiration on potential fundraising community events, visit:

https://ywcapeterborough.org/give/plan-your-own-fundraiser/

Fortifying the Future | Youth Partnership with Lakefield College School

HER Journey of Care

Did you know that our programs and services are part of a wrap-around care model known as HER Journey of Care? For more information, visit: https://ywcapeterborough.org/our-journey-of-care/

For the second year in a row, YWCA Peterborough Haliburton is very excited to announce a continuing partnership with Memorial House at Lakefield College School.

In October 2025, Memorial House chose YWCA as their partner charity, and since then, we have been working closely with the students to teach them about the realities of gender-based violence, and to help them reach their philanthropic goals.

Last holiday season, students helped collect essential items and gifts for the clients staying at our shelter and safe spaces, and this year, we can't wait to see where this passion and generosity will lead.

At YWCA Peterborough Haliburton, we strongly believe in the power of youth enagagement. When we believe in the power of youth, we create opportunities for future generations to build the necessary skills and drive to create equitable futures for all.

Look to our socials in the upcoming months to see how the students of Memorial House serve as Philanthropy leaders for both their student body and our community as a whole.

Cultivate a Caring Tomorrow | Leave a Legacy of Support

For over 130 years, YWCA has been working to ensure that our clients have a safe space within the community to grow and thrive both today and for years to come. With the express goal of cultivating a just, equitable, and inclusive community, our organization is always working on developing and maintaining programs and services that will support women, children, and gender-diverse individuals for decades to come.

You too can be a part of this vision of care through your personal legacy.

By leaving a legacy gift to YWCA--as a bequest in your Will, a life insurance policy, or RRSP--you can help build a better tomorrow where vulnerable members of our community are uplifted and cycles of violence are broken for current and future generations

Alongside offering a tax benefit, leaving a legacy gift will help plant a personal seed of community giving and generosity that will be continously nurtutred by our organization.

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton is sincerely grateful to those supporters who have already notified us of their intention to recognize the organization with a legacy gift.

To learn more about planned giving options, contact Akshana Katoch at AKatoch@ywcapeterborough.org, or by phoning 705-743-3526 x 131

HER Journey of Care Partners

Our HER Journey of Care Partners are very generous community members who make an annual gift of **$1,000** or more in support of our organization's vital programs and services which exist under HER Journey of Care. If you're interested in becoming a HER Journey of Care partner, please contact Akshana Katoch to learn more by looking to the beside contact information.

Courage in the Ring, Confidence for the World | Fight for the Future Fund

This summer, we were very excited to officially launch the Fight for the Future Fund, in partnership with Eastside Boxing and Wellness. Created with the intention of wanting to give youth a safe outlet, the fund works to provide 12-16 year-olds who have experience with domestic abuse, with access to free boxing classes.

Notably, in removing financial barriers which prevent youth in need from accessing structured Combat Arts, they are able to experience the mental, physical, and emotional benefits that can come from boxing training.

As an organization, we believe that having these structures are vital, as they help build confidence, discipline, focus, and belonging, as well as a safe space for those at risk to grow and develop in a healthy supported way.

The Fight for the Future Fund further provides selected candidates with: access to a 12-week boxing program; starter equipment; and necessary registration and licensing.

The initial concept for the fund began when owner of Eastside Boxing and Wellness, Marsha Gaulton, made the very brave decision to publicly share her experience with gender-based violence and her determination to give back to those in need.

"I know what it's like to need an outlet and not have the support or access to one. I felt that deeply as a child. Boxing came later in life for me, but it became a very special place that gave me confidence, self-discipline, and a much-needed safe space to release built-up frustration and anger in a healthy way. I know, as a coach and as a survivor, that sometimes all it takes is just one coach who cares and who sees the potential in a young person while also reminding them that they can do hard things."

--Marsha Gaulton, Owner of Eastside Boxing and Wellness (2026)

And, did you know that the Fight for the Future Fund is entirely community funded?

If you would like to donate to, or learn more about the fund, visit: https://ywcapeterborough.org/fight-for-the-future-fund/

Or, scan the QR code below.

Together, we can work as a community to help youth in need find courage for the ring and confidence for the world!

Celebrating Your Support | The Power of In-Kind Donations

Our work would not be possible without the many kind community members who regularly donate essential items and gifts to the individuals and families staying at our shelter and safe spaces.

From daily hygiene needs to non-perishable food items, to beautifully handmade clothing and home goods, in-kind donations help provide our clients with extra care and the knowledge that there is a supportive community network all around them.

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton, a funded Partner Agency, gratefully acknowledges the partnership with the United Way and the financial support received.

We are extremely grateful to all who have given an in-kind donation. No matter how small, your gift helped provide immediate security to a survivor of domestic abuse and gender-based violence.

Thank you as well to:

- Winners & HomeSense 949
- Cosmaroma
- Cuddles for Cancer
- St. Alphonsus Church
- St. Anne's Church
- Sandra Degan
- The No Name Group
- The Kawartha Quiltmakers Guild
- The Kawartha Woodturners Guild
- Shawn and Tyler Hulshof
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- Kinsmen Club of Peterborough
- Margaret Weir







Monthly Giving

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton continues to be extremely grateful to all of our generous community members and partners who choose, **on a monthly basis**, to support our clients.

A monthly gift is one of the easiest and most effective ways to give. Every amount helps make a difference, and in giving monthly, you ensure that your generosity plays a part of long-term projects that support those in need.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you!