

Spring/Summer 2012

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# Abuse Has No Boundaries

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**WOMEN'S  
PLACE**  
OF SOUTH NIAGARA INC

## NOVA HOUSE BOOK RIOT 35 years **STRONG!**

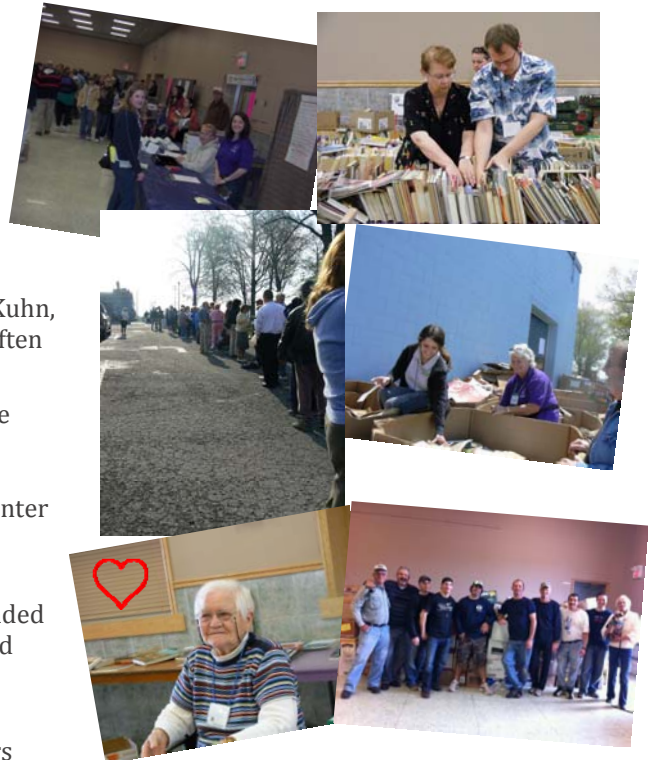
35 years strong! Can you believe it!? The Annual Nova House Book Riot has been one of the regions most popular fundraising events for 35 years and still remains our highest-earning event for Women's Place of South Niagara.

Ever wonder how we do it? Well, truthfully, our volunteers are the sole reason for the enormous success of this event. Many of you may know that we rent storage units at Sentinel Self-Storage on Kent Ave. We have a dedicated group of "sorters" who are out there weekly sorting the donations dropped off by book-lovers in our community. Lead by Wendy Kuhn, this group is unfazed by the weather, undeterred by large donations and often unrecognized for their extremely physical and often exhausting work.

Sorting starts the week following the Book Riot. The group heads out to the storage unit, sifting through boxes of books, sorting mystery from fiction, history from biography; then labels and seals the boxes once they're full. Sorting goes on throughout the blistering hot summer and into the cold winter months. Finally, spring comes back around and before we know it - we're ready for this year's Book Riot.

The Sunday prior to the event, we rent large moving trucks and they're loaded up and driven over to the Optimist Club; where the books are unloaded and ready to be removed from the boxes and placed on the tables to be enjoyed by another book-lover.

This event would not be possible if it were not for the incredible volunteers who work so hard to keep us organized! Wendy, Cheryl, Bea, Rhonda, Ray, Gail, Marilyn, Lou-Anne, Rae, Sharon, Barbara, Veronica, Cindy, Francine, Greg, Joyce, Carolyn and Wendy P. Thank you for all your hard work - **Let's make this the best Book Riot ever!**



### Book Riot Fast Facts

- This event is a family affair - Wendy Kuhn has been volunteering for this event for more than 10 years! Her mom, the late Frances Rysdale, was a founding member of the Book Riot committee.
- The Book Riot grossed \$65,000 in its most successful year (2010).
- Following the event, the remaining books are recycled. We never return books to the storage units... we start from scratch each year.
- Book-lovers from across North America come to the Book Riot each year.
- In 2011, our "sorters" dedicated 514 hours to keep our storage units clean and organized.



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# WOMEN'S PLACE CALENDAR 2012/2013

Please write these important dates on your calendar and keep in touch throughout the year.

April 2012	May 2012	June 2012
 <p><b>Happy Easter!</b> To all the women and children at Womens Place of South Niagara. Spring Cleaning? Women's Place is accepting new and gently used small appliances in working condition.</p> 	<p><b>NOVA HOUSE 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOOK RIOT</b> THURS. MAY 10 - SUN. MAY 13</p> <p><b>Happy Mother's Day!</b> Honour a mom in your life by making a donation to Women's Place. Please call our office 905-356-3933 ext 240</p>	<p><b>Niagara Falls Women's Half Marathon</b> Sun, June 3rd Pledges benefit the programs and services at Women's Place of South Niagara To volunteer call 905-356-3933 ext 239</p> 
 <p>Summer is in full swing! Grab your favourite book and enjoy some Diva wine on your patio! Proceeds from each bottle sold benefit Women's Place! Thanks to your support of this wine, \$6,400 has been donated to Women's Place.</p> 	<p>Help us get our young clients ready for the school year.</p> <p><b>Consider donating new clothing (all ages and sizes), shoes, notebooks, pens, pencil crayons, markers, calculators and gift cards to a woman staying in our shelter.</b></p> 	<p>September 2012</p> <p>Women's Place Annual General Meeting &amp; Volunteer Appreciation Evening</p> <p>Please join us at Great Wolf Lodge September 11, 2012 6:00 pm Call 905-356-3933 ext 239 to RSVP</p>
<p>October 2012</p> <p>Salons from across Niagara will be donating proceeds from their services to support the programs and services at Women's Place of South Niagara.</p>  <p>Ask your salon if they're participating in this year's event. Look for the Cut it Out logo</p>	<p>November 2012</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS AT WOMEN'S PLACE</b></p> <p>Each year, through the generosity of our donors we are able to provide a gifts to the women and children who have used our services in the past year.</p> <p>Please help us make this a Christmas our clients will never forget! Call our office to learn more about donating to our clients this holiday season!</p>  	<p>December 2012</p>
<p>January 2013</p>	<p>February 2013</p>	<p>March 2013</p>
<p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b></p> <p>Wishing all our clients, friends, family, and volunteers a safe and Happy New Year!</p>	<p>Get your friends and family together and register for the</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> Annual <b>Stroke Out Violence</b> Bowling Tournament March 1, 2013</p> <p><b>Hundreds of Auction items!</b></p> <p>It's the best team-building for your business event in Niagara!</p>  <p><b>50/50 DRAW</b></p> <p>Raffle Prizes!</p>	

# We'll miss you Maggie

In February 2012, we lost our friend Maggie Gelka. Maggie was one of the most outstanding ambassadors for Women's Place of South Niagara. She was dedicated counsellor at Serenity Place for over 15 years and a faithful volunteer for the Women's Place Craft Show and Sale that was held annually in Welland.

Maggie received her 20 year volunteer award from Women's Place of South Niagara in 2006/07 at our Annual Meeting and was very thankful for this honour.

Lori, a counsellor at Serenity Place and friend of Maggie's said, "Maggie was a generous, hard working co-worker and friend. She went out of her way to help new, young staff to feel comfortable and part of the team. She was an advocate for women and children who were experiencing abuse. She demonstrated compassion as an employee and also an active volunteer."

Maggie wanted to be remembered with laughter and smiles. We will certainly miss her powerful energy as a volunteer and friend to many.



Maggie & Mark Gelka



Jenn prepping for a run

## Running to support her clients

Good Luck Jenn! Jennifer Gauthier, residential manager for Women's Place has stepped up her fitness efforts, donning her running shoes and taking to the streets four times a week as she prepares for the inaugural Niagara Falls Women's Half Marathon. Pledges for each runner support Women's Place of South Niagara.

Jennifer said "as an advocate for our clients, I hope this will bring some more attention to domestic violence. We encourage our clients to lead active, healthy lifestyles - the collaboration between the Women's Half Marathon and Women's Place is an excellent example of promoting health and wellness and the services we provide to women in our community."

Jenn's goal is to reach \$1,000 in pledges. To support Jenn in her fundraising efforts visit [www.runningroom.com](http://www.runningroom.com) or call our office 905-356-3933 ext 240.

To learn more about the Niagara Falls Women's Half Marathon, on Sunday, June 3 visit [www.nfwhm.com](http://www.nfwhm.com).

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**Programs and Services**

- Safe Shelter
- 24 Hour Crisis Lines
- Public Education
- Family Court Support Program
- Safety Plans
- Counselling/ Support
- Volunteer Program
- Child and Youth Programs
- Cultural Interpretive Service
- Transitional Housing Support

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