



WOMEN'S PLACE
NOVA HOUSE - SERENITY PLACE

Volunteer Newsletter

January 2017

Happy New Year!
Thank you for all of your help in 2016.
We hope you are ready to keep making an impact in 2017!

Upcoming events

Volunteer Orientation – Thursday, January 26 @ 6 pm - Nova House

Informed volunteers make great advocates for Women's Place!

If you haven't had a chance to join an orientation session yet, please join us. Orientations last about 1.5 hours and give volunteers the opportunity to learn more about the work of Women's Place, their role as volunteers, and the issue of abuse. Shelter and fundraising staff will be available to answer all of your questions!

Contact Jennifer McQuestion at jmcquestion@wpsn.ca or 905-356-3933 x 239 to reserve your spot! Let us know if you need directions to the shelter.

Brunch, Bid & Bowl – Saturday, March 4 @ 11 am - 5:30 pm - Club Italia & Cataract Bowl

Help to strike out domestic violence!



The "Strike Out Violence" Bowling Tournament has become "Brunch, Bid & Bowl" to celebrate the fact that this exciting event includes so much more than bowling! The Auctionista is back this year to get everyone excited about the great auction items our bowling committee is bringing together. Enjoy brunch and bidding and then head off to the lanes! A great way to celebrate International Women's Day whether you volunteer, form a bowling team or just join us for brunch & bidding. More information can be found on our website at <http://womensplacesn.org/events/brunch-bid-and-bowl/>

Niagara River Lions Game – Wednesday, March 8 (International Women's Day) @ Meridian Centre

Shine a light on women's abuse



On International Women's Day, the Niagara River Lions Basketball Team will be helping Women's Place to raise funds and awareness once again. Join us that evening by volunteering to sell 50/50 tickets. 100% of the proceeds from the raffle will support our shelters.

Contact [Jennifer](#) if you can help. We plan to meet at the Meridian Centre in St. Catharines between 5:00 and 5:30 (More details as game day approaches!).

40th Annual Book Riot - May 11-14 (Pre-sale: May 10).

Help to make this the most successful sale yet!



Help us to meet the Book Riot Committee's ambitious goal of raising \$75,000 at this year's book sale! While we don't have all the details yet, please plan to join us during the set-up, sale and take-down days. Volunteer shifts available from May 6-15. If you have not helped at this event before, but would like to be contacted about volunteering at this year's event, please contact Jennifer at jmcquestion@wpsn.ca.

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How you are making a difference

I know we sound a bit like a broken record, but we truly could not do all that we do without the support of our amazing volunteers. Here are just a few of the ways you have helped women and children in our community over the past few months...

You kept the WAVE building

Thank you to our walk volunteers and participants!



This past November marked the second year of our "Join the WAVE" (Walk Against Violence Everyone) event. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the planning, set-up, running and take-down of this event. Thank you also to those volunteers who fundraised and walked five kilometers in support of our shelters. Together, you helped to raise **\$12,131**. The walk returns to the Seaway Mall on **November 4, 2017** and our fundraising site is set up and ready to go for this year's event. Please plan to walk or volunteer. We'd love to see you "on the beach"! For more details about this event, visit our [WAVE web page](#).

You made the season special

Thank you for bringing the holiday spirit to our shelters



Thank you to all of the "elves" who volunteered their time and donated presents to make sure that the holidays had some magic in spite of the challenges our clients face. Thank you especially to those volunteers who wrapped presents for our in-house clients and to the culinary students at Niagara College who volunteered their time and talent to making a fantastic Christmas dinner for our residents. Even Santa and Mrs. Claus volunteered time out of their busy schedules to attend the dinner!

You helped our "Stars of Hope" to shine

Thank you to our direct mail campaign volunteers



Thank you to everyone who helped to stuff, stamp and seal thousands of letters for the "Star of Hope" campaign. So far, this campaign has raised nearly **\$42,000** (with donations still coming in). We will be preparing our next direct mail campaign in time for Mother's Day. We look forward to your help once again!



Thank you!

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