



NEWSLETTER

Spring Issue 2009

Welcome reader! As a continued supporter of The Marguerite Centre, we want to keep you informed of the activities that are happening both at our Centre and in support of the Centre. This is our first newsletter in a few years but in an effort to build better relationships with our supporters, we plan to issue one each season.

Statistical Update

The Marguerite Centre is an 11-bed long-term residential facility for women recovering from addictions and abuse. Between 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009, we welcomed 21 women into the Centre.

Age Range: 24 – 68

Children: 15 had children

Home Province: 20 from Nova Scotia, 1 from Ontario

Education Level: 17 had High School, Community College or University education

Length of Stay: 7 women – 10-15 months

2 women – 4-9 months

1 woman – 1-3 months

There are currently 11 women residing at the Centre.

Community Involvement

In conjunction with the United Way, we have received the donation of time from organizations in the business community. In Fall 2008, 21 people came to the Centre and painted 5 rooms/corridors as part of the annual Day of Caring. Employees from Jacques-Whitford came out for a day and worked on our landscaping.

Sacred Heart Church and The Knights of Columbus in Timberlea have been huge supporters of our Centre and are constantly lending a hand with events, providing goods for the Centre, and giving donations from their fundraisers.

Thank You!!

Fundraising Events

In February 2009, a local drama professional, Mr. Edmund MacLean, hosted “Heart Shapes: An Evening of Music and Drama” in support of The Marguerite Centre. This show was held at the Bella Rose Arts Centre and included musical performances and short skits by local performers. It was truly enjoyed by all those in attendance. We hope to have a repeat performance next year and will be sure to let you know all about it!

Red Tent

Our signature fundraiser, “Red Tent” takes place on Sunday, 26 April 2009. Women are invited to purchase tickets to attend one of eight participating spas in the HRM and enjoy an afternoon of relaxation. They will experience a spa treatment, yoga class, life coach session, and spa cuisine. The presenting sponsor for Red Tent is the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation. For more information, please visit the Red Tent website at www.redtent.ca

Donations

The Marguerite Centre would like to acknowledge those who have generously donated to our organization for the past six years. Thank you for your continued support. We can't do it without you!

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Volunteers

We would not be able to provide such a high level of service to the women at The Marguerite Centre without the support of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at the Centre or on our fundraising committee, please contact Connie MacIsaac, Finance Director, at 444-

3076. Thank you!!