



MANITOBA ASSOCIATION  
OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS

# **Annual Report 2017-2018**

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## CHAIR REPORT 2017-2018

This year has been busy. Over this past year MAWS has hosted a public event at the National Museum of Human Rights in November featuring Margo Goodhand, the author of *Rogue Feminists: The Origins of the Women's Shelter Movement in Canada*. MAWS has represented issues of gender inequity and violence against women in numerous media interviews. MAWS continues to refine and support shelters in using WISH, the electronic client file management system with a goal of improving internal shelter file management systems and providing consistent and reliable data for system monitoring, control and research. MAWS members have devoted significant time and energy to staying current with best and emerging practices and strategizing together and with funders and community stakeholders to modernize the family violence system. MAWS is an important partner in "Challenge for Change: Changing Our Response to Violence Against Women", a collective impact project focused on systemic change to improve outcomes for families experiencing family violence. MAWS has dedicated countless hours to working with the Family Violence Prevention Program to improve and align the lease agreements, the service purchase agreements and the Child and Family Services Protocol.

We have worked hard and we are making a difference. Yet despite our individual and collective efforts, family violence in Manitoba is twice the national average. Family violence is pervasive and it affects us all – It can happen to anyone, of any age, gender, culture or demographic. The human costs attributed to family violence are immeasurable and the impacts last a lifetime. It strains our public systems – health, child welfare, police, justice and social services all carry the burden. But, family violence is preventable. And families who experience family violence can recover. We all have a role in making this happen.

We know that we cannot work harder so we must have the courage to work differently, to challenge practices, engage new partners and create meaningful transformation. MAWS is a very special organization with deeply committed members. MAWS members have displayed their commitment to ending violence against women, to equity and social inclusion, to social justice, truth and reconciliation. And MAWS members have stepped up and shown their unwavering support for one another. It has been a great honour to serve this organization.

Thank-you.  
In solidarity,  
Lesley Lindberg



## Events and Activities

**MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS**

The United Nations has declared violence against women as the number one global human rights issue

To honour the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women  
Please join the Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters

**An Evening with Margo Goodhand**  
Author of Runaway Wives and Rogue Feminists  
NOVEMBER 24, 2017  
CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
85 ISRAEL ASPER WAY, MTS Classrooms B and C  
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Admission is free, but seating is limited - please RSVP by November 17  
[maaws@maaws.mb.ca](mailto:maaws@maaws.mb.ca)

Cash donations in support of MAWS are gratefully accepted.

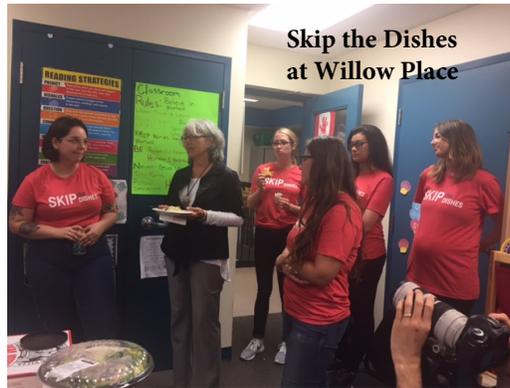
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Thank you to the event sponsors:

Family Violence Prevention Program, Department of Families, Government of Manitoba

**CUPE** (Canadian Union of Public Employees)  
**UFCW** LOCAL 837  
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**MGEO** (Manitoba Government and Central Employees' Organisation)

**Manitoba Nurses Union**  
**UNIFOR**



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017**  
**PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER!**  
Location: Smitty's Restaurant, Steinbach  
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF CREATIVITY!**  
Ticket profits support our women's shelter programs

The tree image selected for this paint night symbolizes how our work with domestic violence gives women and children roots and allows them to grow and flourish - thank you for helping us continue to support those in need. The artwork of the tree will be available to complete in pink or blue!

**AGAPE HOUSE PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

With Artist, Colleen Watchorn!

Only 60 seats!  
\$35 per person!

Call 204-326-6062  
Today to reserve your tickets!

EMAIL FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION!  
E-TRANSFER available  
[admin@agapehouse.ca](mailto:admin@agapehouse.ca)

**Agape House**

Women are sacred and should be protected

Join the YWCA Thompson, and our partners, The Thompson Crisis Centre and University of Manitoba Northern Social Work Program, on Wednesday December 6th between 11:00am and 4:00pm at the TRCC.

**December 6th**

**National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

**HONOUR, REMEMBER, TAKE ACTION**

Honour and remember a lost or missing woman or girl by placing a red dress on the wall of remembrance  
Take action by making a suggestion to how we can reduce violence against women and girls  
Visit the displays to learn more  
Book a presentation on violence and it's effects  
Watch the screening of "A Better Man" at 1:15pm

For information please call  
Carrie Stockburn @ 204-778-1269

**YWCA THOMPSON**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**  
**THOMPSON CRISIS CENTRE**  
**SOCIAL WORK**

TEASE YOUR BRAIN & COME DRESSED AS A SUPERHERO

**Thursday**  
**MARCH 8**  
**ST. PAULS UNITED CHURCH, MORDEN**  
7PM

**GENESIS HOUSE PRESENTS**  
**QUIZ NIGHT**

CALL: (204) 325-9957 EXT. 2221  
REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

FEE: \$20/PERSON  
\$160/TABLE OF 8

SNACKS PROVIDED.  
BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.  
BRING EXTRA LOONIES FOR SIDETRVIA GAMES

**Teddy Bear Fun Day**

**Free Family Fun**  
Learn about safety | Bear Repair | Games

**Saturday, June 3**  
12-3 PM @ Jake Epp Library Park

**Agape House**

**THE 11th ANNUAL COMMUNITY VIGIL WALK**  
Commemorating Women who were Murdered and Missing in 2017

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 2017**

Leaving at 6:30 pm from Selkirk Friendship Centre  
Arriving at Civic Offices 6:50 pm - 200 Eaton Ave (If you are unable to join the walk - Join us at the Civic Offices)

**Program**  
Greetings - City of Selkirk  
Greetings - Mb. Status of Women  
Speaker - Marie Walker

**COORDINATED BY**  
**SELKIRK BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN**

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH**  
**NOVA HOUSE & THE SELKIRK FRIENDSHIP CENTRE**

**HOSTED BY**  
**THE CITY OF SELKIRK**  
(Refreshments to follow the Program)

**BRING YOUR FLASHLIGHT TO REPRESENT A CANDLE**

**JOY SMITH FOUNDATION**  
**COUNTRYFEST COMMUNITY CINEMA**

**FREE Screening of Documentary:**  
**Human Trafficking: Canada's Secret Shame**

7:00 PM  
Thursday, January 25th, 2018  
**Countryfest Community Cinema**  
210 1st Street SE  
Dauphin, MB  
Doors open @ 6:00 PM  
**NO advance tickets available**

Sponsored by:  
Dauphin Friendship Centre, Parkland Crisis Centre, C. A. R. E., & Boxes of Love Project

**Candlelight Memorial Vigil**

Wednesday, December 6th, 2017 6:30 p.m.  
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

X.R. Barkman Park - Steinbach, MB  
1000 1st Street (between the two main street bus stopping points)

Everyone Welcome  
6:00am to 9:00pm

[www.agapehouse.ca](http://www.agapehouse.ca)  
Together We Can Make a Difference!

**Agape House Eastern Crisis Centre, Inc.**

Presents a FREE lunch performance by **Sarasvati Productions**  
[www.sarasvatiproductions.ca](http://www.sarasvatiproductions.ca)

**LOCATION:** Steinbach United Church Multi Purpose Room 511 Main Street, Steinbach

**TIME:** 12 noon to 12:45 p.m.

**INFORMATION:** (204) 326-6062 [www.agapehouse.ca](http://www.agapehouse.ca)

**DONATE:** Silver collection and non-perishable food items gratefully accepted for Agape House - our thank!

**MARCH 9, 2017**  
**A CABARET OF MONOLOGUES**

Three short plays in honour of International Women's Week! Bring your bagged lunch and join us!

**IMPORTANT:** Adult content of violence and abuse toward women, including strong language - NOT intended for children.

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## PROVINCIAL COORDINATORS REPORT 2017-2018

*By Deena Brock*

This has been a year of changes for the shelters and the Family Violence Prevention program (FVPP) that up until last fall operated under the Department of Families. FVPP was moved and now operates under Manitoba Status of Women, which is a portfolio attached to Minister Squires. Working through changes is always a challenge but we look forward to seeing how this major shift will benefit the clients, shelters and domestic violence agencies in Manitoba.

Congratulations to Parkland Crisis Centre who last October celebrated 25 years of providing shelter and domestic violence programs and services in Dauphin and the surrounding area. Shelters are a hub of positive activity benefiting clients in many ways. Providing safe shelter is only a small part of the package but the main focus of shelters is working with survivors through their crisis and restoring the necessary pieces of their life so they can start healing. It's a huge package of hurt that needs to be choreographed in such a way as to reduce additional trauma to the women and children while they work through the systems to get back on their feet. The healing process can take years and the shelters have a month to fashion a lasting miracle.

Status of Women Canada granted several Manitoba organizations with funding to work towards improving the issues that women face. Willow Place Inc., a MAWS member was one of the recipients and has launched the "Challenge for Change" project in collaboration with Manitoba Association of Women's Shelter Inc. Part of this three year project is "identifying current policies and practices that act as barriers to the services needed by families experiencing domestic violence" (Lesley Lindberg, Executive Director of Willow Place). The overall results of this project will improve outcomes for families affected by domestic violence.

The University of Manitoba, Dr. Judith Hughes PhD has partnered with MAWS to develop a demographic profile and study the complex needs of women using shelter services in Manitoba. This project is the next step of a previous research project conducted by the University of Manitoba and the results will add a piece to the Challenge for Change project mentioned above.

MAWS has been working with Child and Family Services (CFS) and the Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) to update the existing CFS Protocol and it is finally nearing completion. This document helps outline a working relationship between the shelters and CFS. It is important that the shelter clients who often fall under the mandate of CFS are provided with a collaborated approach focused on best serving the needs of the children and their families. MAWS and the shelters are an underutilized resource, very much in a position to work with the government to facilitate this governments' priority of reducing the number of children in care. A large part of the service that the shelters provide is information and education based and that is the first step for many women to help them move into a more independent life style.

Several shelters over the past year have received some much needed upgrades and renovations. This is a long and difficult process challenging shelter Directors to find appropriate locations to house their shelters and coordinate the moves. Congratulations to all the shelters Directors who have been involved in these moves and have successfully kept their shelters up and running providing safe shelter and programming throughout the process.

## CONTINUED, PROVINCIAL COORDINATORS REPORT

This past year a long standing MAWS board member and Executive Director of Nova House in Selkirk has retired. Anna Pazdzierski worked and donated many hours to ensuring that clients and children in the Interlake area had access to safe shelter and programming. Anna is well known for her work in fighting domestic violence and retired upon finalizing not only the building of a new shelter in Selkirk she also successfully advocated for increased funding to medium sized shelter. Anna's work in the community will be remembered fondly.



Last December I participated along with a small group of provincial representatives from across Canada who met with the honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. During this successful working meeting we were able to discuss many of the issues facing women and children who experience domestic and family violence. This frank discussion produced several outcomes that have since been followed up by the minister's office. Additionally we met with the honourable Maryam Monsef Minister of Status of Women and were able to voice some concerns and issues.

Join me in thanking all the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly, often unrecognized who are working to assist survivors of domestic and family violence. Please visit [www.maws.mb.ca](http://www.maws.mb.ca) to learn more about Manitoba shelters, sign up for our blog and visit us on Facebook and Twitter—@mawsmanitoba.

WSC Advisory Committee meeting with Honorable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development in Ottawa December 2017



WSC Advisory Committee meeting with Honorable Maryam Monsef Minister of Status of Women in Ottawa December 2017

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## MANITOBA FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER STATISTICS

The family violence shelters are funded by the provincial Family Violence Prevention Program. The following is an annual summary for 2017 – 2018. These numbers are provided by Agape House, Aurora House, Genesis House, Ikwe-Widdjiitiwin, Nova House, Parkland Crisis Centre, Portage Family Abuse Prevention Centre, Thompson Crisis Centre, YWCA Westman Women's Shelter and Willow Place.

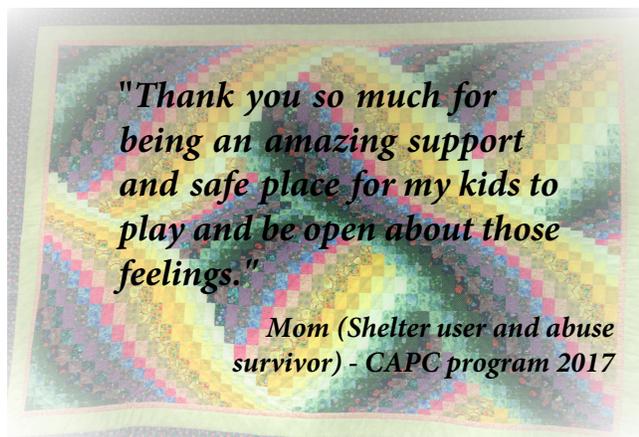
Statistics are used to validate the work that shelters provide and it helps to justify the needs of women and children who are fleeing violence. What it doesn't tell you is the depth of despair that surrounds the survivors fleeing; it doesn't show the pain and fear etched on their faces. It doesn't include the number of groups and events provided, it doesn't describe the effort involved in shopping for and preparing 9,855 meals for the 2,382 survivors or the number of beds made, volume of laundry completed or how many times the washrooms were scrubbed by shelter staff. Lastly it doesn't tell you the number of tears dried or hugs and smiles provided.

- Shelters answered 11,349 crisis line calls relating to domestic and family violence last year
- 37,097 bednights were provided to adults and their children
- 1,277 adults and 1,105 children accessed safe shelter and programming as residential clients
- The average length stay in shelter was 10 nights
- Of those residential clients 32 adults and 69 children continued to receive services and shelter by residing in Interim Housing\* units after leaving shelter for a total of 9,253 bednights
- Non-Residential Counselling was provided to 398 adults up from 327 adults last year and 44 children
- Follow-Up Counselling was accessed by 209 adults and 35 children
- The total number of counselling sessions Shelter staff delivered was 11,180

*Notes: \*6 shelters have Interim Housing*

*2017-2018 numbers no longer include the Men's Resource Centre*

*Data provided by FVPP (Family Violence Prevention Program)*



***"Thank you so much for being an amazing support and safe place for my kids to play and be open about those feelings."***

***Mom (Shelter user and abuse survivor) - CAPC program 2017***

## REPORT FROM WOMEN'S SHELTERS

**CANADA (WSC)** *Lise Martin, Executive Director WSC*



2017-18 marked the second year of our three-year project with Status of Women Canada. Although there are several components to this project, the development of a comprehensive profile of shelters is front and centre. We are grateful to the provincial/ territorial shelter associations for facilitating meetings with shelter directors across the country, allowing us to present the National Shelter Survey and gather input on specific questions.

On November 24, 2017, Women's Shelters Canada proudly launched its new logo. The logo communicates not only that we are a network of exchange, action, and care, but that we are also a unified voice in the work to end violence against women. In this iteration of the three-dimensional heart structure, the network is shown in multiple colours to reflect the idea that there are a variety of shelter/transition house services and organizations represented. A purple colour is used to highlight the connective paths generated by Women's Shelters Canada.

As a member of the Minister's Advisory Council for the Gender Based Violence Strategy, we were pleased to attend the official launch in Toronto in June 2017. We see the Strategy as a good starting point but continue to work with partners to move us to the development and implementation of a National Action Plan. The reach of the federal strategy is limited to the areas of responsibility of the federal government and thus does not ensure that women in all areas of the country have access to comparable levels of services and protection. Unlike the National Housing Strategy, there are no formal agreements between the provinces, territories, and the federal government in terms of how they collectively address the issue of gender based violence.

At Women's Shelters Canada, our long-term objective is to bring about systemic change that will allow for greater and better housing options and outcomes for women fleeing violence. This year, we developed 11 recommendations and wrote an open letter to inform the National Housing Strategy (NHS), which we hope will lead to comprehensive policies and funding opportunities to better support women fleeing domestic violence. The recommendations are the result of a Community of Practice and a cross-sectoral roundtable on housing, homelessness, and violence against women organized by WSC in June 2017. The roundtable brought together a diverse group of leaders and experts including representatives from the VAW sector, the social and affordable housing sector, the homelessness sector, the anti-poverty sector, academics, and policy makers.

In the current #MeToo climate, many men are wondering how to contribute to much-needed change in our society. With Women's Shelters Canada's innovative new initiative, Strengthening Ties, men across the country have a concrete way to help end violence against women. The short-term vision for this circle of male allies is to address the gender balance of supporters for women's shelters and transition houses in this country. The long-term vision involves a much loftier goal: to end the need for shelters in Canada, period. The names of the Founding Donors of the Strengthening Ties campaign can be found on our website: [www.endvaw.ca/strengtheningties](http://www.endvaw.ca/strengtheningties). We thank them for supporting our work to end violence against women in Canada.

I thank all the Manitoba shelters who are doing incredible work in often challenging environments. We thank you for sharing your knowledge and expertise, which allows us to continue to create and develop connections to one another in our efforts to address violence against women.

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## MEMBER SHELTERS

AGAPE HOUSE (Eastman Crisis Centre) - Steinbach, MB  
204-326.6062

AURORA HOUSE (The Pas Committee for Women in Crisis) The Pas, MB 204.623.7427

GENESIS HOUSE (South Central Committee on Family Violence) Winkler, MB 204.325.9957

IKWE-WIDDJIITWIN—Winnipeg, MB 204.987.2780

NOVA HOUSE—Selkirk, MB  
204.482.7882

PARKLAND CRISIS CENTRE  
Dauphin, MB 204.622.4626

PORTAGE FAMILY ABUSE PREVENTION CENTRE—Portage la Prairie, MB 204.239.5234

THOMPSON CRISIS CENTRE  
Thompson, MB 204.677.9668

WILLOW PLACE—Winnipeg, MB  
204.615.0313

YWCA WESTMAN WOMEN'S SHELTER—Brandon, MB  
204.727.3644

## AFFILIATE MEMBERS

### Second Stage Programs

ALPHA HOUSE INC.  
Winnipeg, MB 204.982.2011

BRAVESTONE CENTRE INC.  
Winnipeg, MB 204.275.2600

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CIRCLING BUFFALO—The Pas,  
MB 204.623.3423

FORT GARRY WOMEN'S  
RESOURCE CENTRE—Winnipeg,  
MB 204.477.1123

INTERLAKE WOMEN'S  
RESOURCE CENTRE—Gimli, MB  
204.642.8264

LAKESHORE WOMEN'S  
RESOURCE CENTRE—Ashern,  
MB 204.768.3016

SWAN VALLEY CRISIS CENTRE  
Swan River, MB 204.734.9368

WOMEN'S SAFE HAVEN /  
RESOURCE SERVICE—Flin Flon,  
MB 204.681.3105

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

The work of our members is often done quietly, involving numerous hours and dedication. As a secondary witness to the client's victimization, staff working at shelters and all domestic violence agencies can suffer vicarious trauma. They can be on the receiving end of verbal and physical abuse from the distraught clients. It's a demanding and often frustrating job but rewarding knowing that they are helping clients and their children through a crisis and making positive changes in their lives.

Did you know that women's shelters offer a variety of services such as 24/7 crisis line, 24/7 survivor counselling, support groups, children's programs, parenting classes, mental health and addiction support, legal and housing support, information and referrals, public education and awareness and some shelters also offer interim housing. If a survivor does not need to stay in a shelter they can access counselling in person or over the phone attend groups or participate in outreach services.

## Grant Thornton Independent Auditors Report

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters Inc. as at March 31, 2018, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Ended

March 31, 2018

	Operating Fund 2018	CAPC Fund 2018	Total 2018	Total 2017
<b>Revenue</b>				
Public Health Agency of Canada	\$ -	\$ 222,947	\$ 222,947	\$ 222,580
Memberships	7,800	-	7,800	7,700
Grants	10,000	-	10,000	2,539
Interest income	298	1,136	1,434	577
Donations	4,322	-	4,322	12,480
Special events and reimbursements	7,939	-	7,939	-
	30,359	224,083	254,442	245,876
<b>Expenses</b>				
Events and seminars	2,997	-	2,997	449
Shelter supplies grants	-	9,000	9,000	9,000
Shelter operating grants	-	178,434	178,434	178,434
Standards Manual Development	360	-	360	1,885
Meetings	6,519	-	6,519	11,201
Membership	775	-	775	2,075
Office	3,088	1,909	4,997	2,566
Professional fees	895	3,136	4,031	2,808
Personnel	11,438	23,204	34,642	35,700
Shelter training grants	-	4,500	4,500	4,500
Travel and training	1,368	3,900	5,268	2,650
	27,440	224,083	251,523	251,268
<b>Net excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses</b>	2,919	-	2,919	(5,392)
Net assets - beginning of year	12,281	(454)	11,827	17,219
<b>Net assets - end of year</b>	\$ 15,200	\$ (454)	\$ 14,746	\$ 11,827

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## **CAPC REPORT**

CAPC (Community Action Program for Children) is funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. PHAC recognizes that communities are better equipped to identify and respond to the needs of their children so each project has been developed to meet the needs in that community. There are fourteen CAPC projects in Manitoba, all sharing the same goal: to enhance the well being of children aged 0—6 years old, living in conditions of risk and MAWS is one of the CAPC projects administering for the provincial shelters.

### **Provincial CAPC Project 2017/18 Outcomes**

During 2017/18 shelters reached out to 684 families who had children between the ages of 0-6 years old, down from last year of 841 families. The families consisted of 684 women and 901 children.

- 41% of families live in remote or isolated communities, same as last year
- 88% of the families are considered to be low income, an increase from last year
- Approximately 34% of families has at least one teenage parent, a decrease from last year
- 57% of the families have children experiencing developmental delays or social, emotional or behavioural problems, an increase from last year
- 53% of the children have been abused or neglected, very slight decrease from last year
- 18% are families of recent immigrants or refugees, a slight decrease over last year

### **Playgroups**

2989 children and caregivers attended 1191 playgroups

### **Counselling / Support Groups**

386 Counselling sessions were provided to 228 children and 370 support groups were conducted with a total of 622 children attended

### **Parenting Programs**

633 counselling sessions were provided to 333 parents and 281 parenting support groups were provided to 157 caregivers and

### **Referrals**

1215 referrals were made to benefit mothers and children

### **Advocacy**

Shelter staff intervened 267 times to advocate for mothers and children

## ShelterSafe.ca

“The most typical experience for victims of domestic violence is isolation. A map indicating hundreds of points of light, of hope, of safety and escape is more than a tool. It is a reminder that you are not alone. It is a reminder that whether you live in a large urban centre or in a remote community, there is domestic violence and that there are resources that can help.”

- Shelter Director

## Survey – Developing a National Profile of Women’s Shelters

Last year Women’s Shelters Canada launched a national survey on women’s shelters and transition houses (THs) to strengthen the women’s shelter sector in Canada. The survey is part of a larger grant provided by Status of Women Canada.

“The survey will be instrumental in allowing us to demonstrate the extent of shelter work across the country. Data collected will help with public education and awareness, illuminating the extensive and life saving work that shelters and THs do.

Many people still believe that shelters/THs only provide a bed, a roof, and safety for women and their children. We know that shelters do much more than that, but we don’t have the numbers to back it up. Much of the research conducted about shelters, such as the StatsCan Transition Home Survey (July 2015), focuses on the women who use shelters and their services. This survey is different in that its focus is not on the clients that are served, but rather the shelters themselves. The purpose of our survey is to illustrate the scope of the shelter sector and provide reliable, up-to date information on shelter capacity, infrastructure, services, funding, and staffing structures across the country.

In our conversations with provincial shelter associations, individual shelters/THs, and through our annual Shelter Voices Survey, we often hear how much shelters are doing with so little. The lack of sustainable and adequate funding has many impacts on shelters, staff, and the women and children who use the services offered. However, we do not have sufficient data or numbers to back up these claims – in our work with partners and stakeholders, we often get requests for “the numbers.” This data will better empower us to do the advocacy work needed to ensure that the work of shelters is given due recognition.”

- Lise Martin / Executive Director

### MAWS GOALS

- To provide a unified voice for women and children who have experienced violence
- To unite Manitoba shelters and provide a central body to facilitate communications
- To foster networking and information sharing among shelters and between other agencies that work to eliminate all forms of violence
- To assist in acquiring resources for member shelters
- To promote public education around violence against women and children
- To promote best practices among member shelters
- To develop and promote provincial standards for all shelters
- To foster professional development within Manitoba shelters



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MANITOBA COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL INC.

Thank you to the **Public Health Agency of Canada** for financial contribution to the CAPC program. The **Manitoba Government**—Family Violence and Prevention Program (FVPP) for financial contribution to the DV agencies and support. To Manitoba Community Services Council Inc., Onyx Wealth Management Ltd., Kildonan Place, Real Life Baby and to all the other **organizations** who have arranged fundraising events, donated goods and financial contributions throughout the year. A special thanks for the tremendous effort by Melinda Ives of Discovery Toys for Easter & Christmas Baskets, the Shoebox Campaign - Christmas box and Chatters Salons (Used hair appliances for clients), and all the individual government employees who donated to All Charities Campaign .

Thank you to the event sponsors for an evening with Margo Goodham: CUPE, UFCW, Manitoba Nurses Union, UNIFOR, MGEU, UNDE and Family Violence Prevention Program, Department of Families, Government of Manitoba

A special thanks to the many **individuals** who donated a vehicle through Donate a Car ([donatecar.ca](http://donatecar.ca)) and [CanadaHelps.ca](http://CanadaHelps.ca) as well as clothing, toiletries, and cash.