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Keep a Roof Over Their Heads Radiothon

Tune into 96.5 KOOL FM on Friday November 19th to hear stories of courage and resilience in the face of homelessness. Several clients of our WISH and HERizons programs will share their stories throughout the day from 6 am - 6pm.

For just \$10.50 a month - about \$125 per year, you can support critical housing and support services that will keep a women or family housed for one week. With this donation your name will be placed on a shingle, on our roof, on display at Mic Mac Mall. Your support today will change lives forever.

To make a donation to the Keep a Roof Campaign, call our hotline on Friday (902) 407-8666, drop by our broadcast center in the Scotiabank at Mic Mac Mall, or make a secure on-line donation at www.keeperroof.com.

JOIN the ROSE CAMPAIGN:

To End Violence Against Women and Girls

Send a Rose to your MP for a National Housing Strategy

Our Rose Campaign message this year is that to be safe from violence, every woman in Canada needs a roof over her head. Every year, violence and abuse drive over 100,000 women and children out of their homes and into emergency shelters. And many more — often young women and women struggling with mental health and addictions — never make it to shelter at all. They live on the streets of our cities, in poverty and at high risk of more violence, including rape.

As the nation slowly acknowledges the loss of nearly 600 missing and murdered Aboriginal women, we need to recognize that our failure to ensure no woman has to live on the street has left women vulnerable to murder. The time for action is now. Parliament needs to immediately adopt a National Housing Strategy with a women's component. To send your MP a message go to [rosecampaign.ca/send](https://www.rosecampaign.ca/send).

You can also “scatter petals” online by downloading our embedded Rose logo to your Facebook, Twitter, blog or email signature from www.rosecampaign.ca.

December 6th Fund

The YWCA Halifax Department of Women Services is pleased to announce the implementation of a new program to assist women who are trying to flee domestic violence. The December 6th Fund, named in remembrance of the tragedy at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal, provides micro-loans, financial literacy training and help with housing navigation.

The goal is to assist those who are compelled to stay in violent relationships due to financial instability, a lack of life skills, and other barriers to housing and/or self-sustainability.

For more information click [HERE](#) or contact Vanessa Lilly 902.423.6162 x233 or v.lilly@ywcahalifax.com.

National Child Day Celebrations

The YWCA Child Care Centre celebrates National Child Day on Friday, November 19th. Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) in each classroom have planned a variety of activities and will focus on Sheree Fitch's book "If You Could Wear My Sneakers". The baby room will celebrate by wearing blue to promote awareness and create a blue handprint flower mural will be created within the classroom.

The toddler room will also dress in blue, decorate their classroom in blue, play blue games, and make blue cupcakes & awareness ribbons. Our preschoolers will celebrate with a pyjama party, including blue decorations and a cake! Even our after school children will participate by decorating the classroom door with blue.

All of these activities have been planned with the theme of friendships, diversity, the equal treatment of all and the right to freedom of expression in mind. The YWCA Halifax Child Care Centre is an advocate for all celebrations regarding children's rights, diversity, and strives to maintain all the elements of an inclusive, dynamic and developmentally appropriate learning environment.

Baby Steps

YWCA Halifax is pleased to introduce their newest endeavor – Baby Steps: an Education Savings Program for YOUR Child. The ultimate goal of this project is to enable 1500 low to moderate income Nova Scotian families to become financially literate and empowered to save for their child's post-secondary education via one-on-one support and case management. As a means of reaching these objectives, 3 Nova Scotia based community organizations will be funded as

Community Enablers/Delivery Agents.

Each enabler will receive funding to reach a minimum of 500 families over approximately 30 months and ensure that 375 low-modest-income families possess sufficient financial literacy to enable them to make informed decisions about saving for education and ultimately open an RESP.

Not-for-profit organizations wishing to become a Community Enabler for Baby Steps: an Education Savings Program for YOUR Child are to submit a brief letter of interest (maximum of three pages) to YWCA Halifax by November 15, 2010 at 9am. Click [here](#) for the form and more info.

Putting YWCA on the Map in Spryfield

We are pleased to announce the location of our new child care centre in Central Spryfield at 346-358 Herring Cove Road. Expected to open in the summer of 2012, the YWCA Child Care Centre will be the only licensed day care centre in central Spryfield. Plans are underway to accommodate 57 full time spaces, ranging in ages from newborn to school age.

For more information, or to have your name included on the waiting list for the new centre, please click [HERE](#). make this link to the waiting list form, please.

Power of Being a Girl

This year's conference was a huge success! It was the most well-attended one we've had so far, with about 45 girls in attendance - all from different communities - and a team of 10 committed volunteers.

Some of the day's highlights were the delicious local food lunch; the empowering media arts workshops; an educational sexual health workshop and an energizing African dance class.

Some of the words used to describe the day were: powerful, inspiring, different and fun! We look forward to next year!

Christmas Gift Drive for WISH

The Housing department is collecting donations of the following items to give to WISH clients as Christmas presents. If you would like to make a donation, or organize a collection in your office, please contact Housing & Support Manager, Wanda Hill at (902) 422-6162 x222.

Gift cards to Atlantic Superstore or Tim Horton's.

Personal care items.

PJ's, housecoats and slippers.

Hats, scarfs mittens.

Bath sets.

Special Thank Yous

Many thanks to some very generous businesses in Halifax who have made donations to YWCA programs recently:

Sport Check recently donated a mountain of sports balls and sporting equipment to our children.

Stewart McKelvey chose YWCA as their charity of choice for a Christmas donation.

Lululemon Athletica included YWCA as one of their chosen charities for a recent in-store promotion.

Symphony Nova Scotia donated tickets to The Nutcracker for children in our

child care centre.

Scotiabank Mic Mac Mall branch designated YWCA youth programs as their charity of choice, above & beyond their commitment to the Keep a Roof Over Their Heads Radiothon.

Econo Renovations Ltd. came on board with a corporate donation while undertaking the expansion renovations to our Barrington Street offices and temporary spaces in Spryfield.

The Masons of St. Andrew's Lodge #1 are partnering with volunteers from our **Canadian Forces**, and **Glen Stone Excavation & Trucking** to build a new play area at HERizons. They are planning a fundraising dinner and auction in the new year..

Robert Munsch at Home Contest

Enter the **Munsch Contest at Home** for a chance to win a visit from Robert Munsch!

Click [here](#) for more information.

Job Postings

Hiring two full-time ECE positions. Click [here](#) for details.

Financial Literacy for Newcomers

Ongoing programs in Halifax and Dartmouth.

Click [here](#) for program dates.

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