

Monarch Milestones

DECEMBER 2006

Dear Friends,

We have come a long way in the past decade in acknowledging the severity of different kinds of domestic violence and abuse, yet the problem stubbornly persists. If you don't look for it, you won't see it. It happens in every town and city, in every neighbourhood, in every country in the world. No extended family, no ethnic or religious group is immune. If you have children, they are playing

with abused and bullied children at school. If you have colleagues at work, some will be quietly struggling with the impact of abusive relationships as they try to earn their living. The consequences—the hurt, anger, fear, violence, injuries, and exhaustion—affect all of us, over generations.

The recent incidents of domestic violence and murder in the Indo Canadian community have reminded us that we need to stand beside the strangers in our

communities—not only our family members, friends, and neighbours—as they search for a peaceful way of life. too.

Let us listen to words from the recent public forum in Surrey...

“We have to stop it. We are just asking for justice. They are our daughters, our sisters, our mothers, our friends”.

Some quotes from J. Reimer, Measuring Violence Against Women, Statistical Trends 2006

**“They are
our daughters,
our sisters,
our mothers,
our friends..”**

Sign in Darfur:

For the
health of women,
For the
health of the world,

**NO
MORE
VIOLENCE**

Eight Years of Service

We commemorated our 8th anniversary on December 1st. Indeed, it has been a whirlwind decade!

- Over 1125 women and 750 children have come through the doors at Monarch Place since we opened.
- Over 750 women and

children have benefited from our second stage, outreach programs and support groups.

- We have responded to over 1400 crisis calls.
- Providing shelter. Offering crisis counseling. Sharing important information. Taking the initiative in advocacy,

accompaniment and community referrals. Meeting immediate needs of clothing and hygiene items. Assembling household items and furniture. Supporting resettlement processes. The work continues. We feel privileged to work in this field.



W.I.N.G.S.

**Women In Need Gaining
Strength**

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*Offering shelter and support
to women and children*



OUR MISSION STATEMENT...

*To provide women and children in need
the opportunity to gain strength
and to live according to their true worth*

OUR PROGRAMS....

Monarch Place Transition House is a fully staffed 12 bed emergency 1st stage shelter for women and children fleeing violence in their homes.

Chrysalis Place Second Stage House is an 11 bed residence offering a one year subsidized residential program designed to support women through an intensive recovery and healing process with the goal of creating safe independent living.

W.I.S.H.E.S (Women in Safe, Healthy, Empowering Support) is a curriculum-based community support group facilitating the journey to wholeness and healthy living.

W.I.N.G.S. Multicultural Services provides specialized support and advocacy services to multicultural women living in the New Westminster area.

W.I.N.G.S. Outreach Services supports women to find affordable housing, be connected to supportive community resources when they relocate, and navigate any necessary legal or court processes.

Our organization is primarily funded by The Ministry Of Community Services and BC Housing.

Thank You!

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A recent resident commented, "Coming to Monarch Place changed everything for me. I went from despair to hope, from confusion to understanding, from not knowing what to do to having a plan that will help me to move forward to a life of peace and safety. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You will never know how much your support has meant."

Thank you to all who have supported us financially over this past year. Thank you to those who have provided tangible items that have met the needs of the women we serve. Our annual fundraising goal appears to be within our grasp. With your help, we could reach that goal by year end. No gift is too small. Please consider us if you have not yet completed the allocation of your charitable giving this Christmas.

From all the staff and residents at Monarch Place, we wish you a very blessed holiday season and a meaningful year in 2007.

Sincerely,

Lorrie Wasyliv
Executive Director