

I Got Flowers Today

I got flowers today. It wasn't my birthday or any other special day. We had our first argument last night, and he said a lot of cruel things that really hurt me...

But I know he is sorry and didn't mean the things he said, because he sent me flowers today. I got flowers today. It wasn't our anniversary or any other special day.

Last night, he threw me into a wall and started to choke me. It seemed like a nightmare. I couldn't believe it was real. I woke up this morning sore and bruised all over...

But I know he must be sorry, because he sent me flowers today. I got flowers today, and it wasn't Mother's Day or any other special day.

Last night, he beat me up again. And it was much worse than all the other times. If I leave him, what will I do? How will I take care of my kids? What about money? I'm afraid of him and scared to leave...

But I know he must be sorry, because he sent me flowers today. I got flowers today.

Today was a very special day. I got flowers today. It was the day of my funeral. Last night, he finally killed me. He beat me to death. If only I had gathered enough courage and strength to leave him, if only I knew where I could go, I would not have gotten flowers today...

...your support helps provide a place to go...

Monarch Place House Happenings

- We are completing our second year at the end of November
- Over this time, we have offered shelter and support to 296 women and 183 children
- We plan to expand our services in the community in 2001:
 - launching a 10 week evening support group for women who have experienced abuse from husbands or boyfriends
 - initiating a second stage program in May to support women leaving abusive relationships to become independent from and living free of that abuse

**Best Wishes to You
for Christmas
and the New Year**

How You Can Help...

Individual Financial Contribution
**YOUR INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION,
WHATEVER THE SIZE, IS GREATLY
APPRECIATED**

Employee Group Pledge
Through the United Way
**YOUR PLEDGE CAN BE MET
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

Group Fundraising Event
**HOSTING AN EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS
CAN BE A VERY REWARDING
- AND FUN - PROJECT!**

Charity Focus Regular Event
**YOU COULD ADD A CHARITY FOCUS TO
A REGULAR GROUP EVENT (AS DID THE
GLENBROOK RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION
AT THEIR ANNUAL NEIGHBOURHOOD
GARAGE SALE)**

Gifts-in-Kind
**WE ALWAYS HAVE A LIST OF ITEMS THAT
WE NEED - PLEASE CALL US FOR OUR
CURRENT "WISH LIST"**

Donated Auction Items
**YOUR DONATION OF AN ITEM OR SERVICE
HELPS US TO RAISE FUNDS THROUGH
MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS DURING
THE YEAR**

Thank You . . .

for Your Continuing Partnership with Monarch Place!!

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In September, 2000, Zellers launched a new national program called **“Zellers Friends of the Family”**, a program committed to support charities that promote the health, well-being, and education of Canadian families. One of the aspects of this program is a strategic alliance with the Canadian Women’s Foundation that links Zellers stores across the country with local transition houses. We welcome their support!

The 3rd Annual **“To the Heart of the Matter”** gala fundraiser for Monarch Place is slated for Friday, February 9th, 2001. Held at the Westminister Club, this spectacular evening includes live musicians, gourmet international cuisine, \$1,000 reverse draw, and outstanding auction and raffle items. Arthur Black, noted CBC Radio personality will be our emcee. There are early bird prizes for advance ticket sales. Call us today for your tickets for a wonderful Valentine’s experience.

We Commend Our Principal Local Donor -

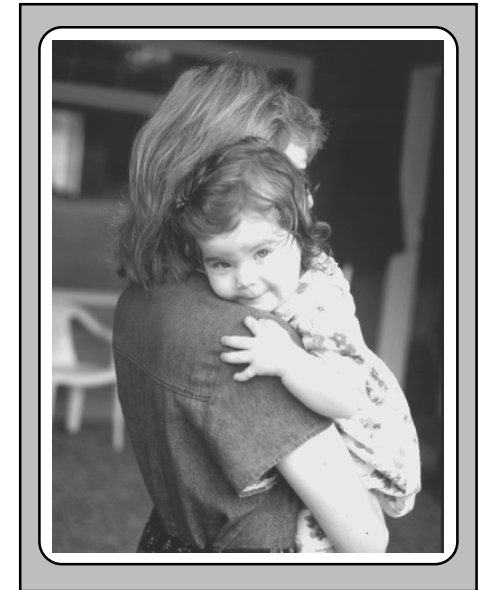
Westminster Savings Credit Union . . .

Westminster Savings Credit Union became a foundational partner in launching Monarch Place in 1998 with a pledge of \$45,000 over 3 years. This support gave us a “head start” momentum enabling us to reach our goal in just 8 months as well as serving as a catalyst for other sponsorships.

We thank Westminster Savings Credit Union for their support. We commend them for their demonstrated commitment to supporting initiatives that address the issues of society today and in taking a public stand regarding the issue of violence against women and children.



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