



Ishtar Transition Housing Society

#101-6350-203rd Street, Langley, BC

TRANSITIONS

Sept '10-03

Ishtar Transition Housing Society

Presents



1st
ANNUAL

FUNDRAISING



Spooktacular

October 29, 2010

Coast Hotel and Convention Centre, Langley, BC

6:00 Reception 7:00 Dinner

Ghost Spooker

Chris Johnson "Dr. Laugh"

Co-sponsors: Canada Bread and BDO Dunwoody

Dancing

Ray Myers R & B Band

Tickets: \$100 (Charitable Receipt for Donation Portion \$50)

Available at ISHTAR Call: 604.534.1011...Visit:#101, 6350-203rd St., Langley

PRIZES
Best Costume
And MORE...

SILENT AUCTION
Artwork donated by local artists:
Heidi Lambert Perry Haddock
Darren Perkins Jack Turpin
Ron Herick

Join us for an evening of fun, laughter and spooky happenings!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PROGRAMMING

Board of Directors

President	Michelle Hawco
Vice President	Julie Toddington
Secretary	Janette Kovacs
Treasurer	Crystal Pudsey
Directors at Large	Regula Baer Darlene Blackall Jane Gladman Laurie Leach Rian Martin Terry Smith Don Truscott

Executive Director Dorothy McKim

Ishtar Transition Housing Society Services

Ishtar House
604-530-9442

Libra House
604-857-5797

Stopping the Violence Counselling
604-534 -1011

Community Outreach Services
604-534 -1011

Community Based Victim Services
604-534 -1011

Children Who Witness Abuse
604-534 -1011

Volunteer/Donations
604-534 -1011

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UPCOMING EVENTS....

PURPLE LIGHT NIGHTS

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and in support of this Ishtar Transition Housing Society is proud to support its second annual Purple Light Nights campaign in our community. Originating in the United States, this initiative invites members of the community to let a purple light shine on their porch throughout October to:

- ◆ remember the victims of domestic violence
- ◆ support those who survived domestic violence
- ◆ bring hope to those who are still living with domestic violence
- ◆ bring a voice to the silent victims of domestic violence and
- ◆ promote the message that

**"Domestic Violence Has NO place
in our Community"**

We invite you to join us in displaying a purple light at your home or business. Purple light bulbs will be available by donation from Ishtar's Administration Office, #101— 6350 203rd Street, Langley.



6th Annual

Candle Light Vigil

to bring awareness to the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women* on November 25th.

Please join us at 5:00 pm at McBurney Lane where we will hold a short ceremony to honour women who have been victims of violence—in our families, among our friends and in our neighbourhoods.



DONATION ROOM NEWS

Donation Room

REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please do not leave donations at the door.

Call 604-534-1011 prior to your drop off.

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help in the Donation Room.

Training will be given and groups or individuals are welcome.

There are flexible daytime shifts available.

The Donation Room is located at #101—6350 203rd Street, Langley.

For more information please contact Debbie at 604 534 1011 or debbie@ishtarsociety.org

VOLUNTEERS

*We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to our newest volunteer, **Ruth** and sadly say goodbye and so many thanks to **Anna** and **Cindy**.*



Christmas 2010 at Ishtar



Following on from the great success last year, we will be holding our second annual Christmas Dinner for clients in December at the Langley Senior Centre Hall. A full turkey dinner will be served and Santa will again be in attendance. We are looking for help in several areas:

- ◆ with sponsorship of a family to attend the dinner
- ◆ with donations of sugar cookies and supplies to decorate them
- ◆ with items for goody bags
- ◆ with gift certificates
- ◆ with gifts for Moms
- ◆ with gifts for children



If you are able to help in anyway or have any questions please contact Debbie at 604-534-1011 or email debbie@ishtarsociety.org.



With rising costs we are always trying to find ways to make our dollars stretch further. If you would be able to receive your copy of "Transitions" by email you would be saving the environment and helping Ishtar at the same time! Please send your email address to us at reception@ishtarsociety.org. Also if you know of anyone who would like to be added to our email list or if you would like to be removed from the list, please contact us at reception. Thank you!

FALL PROGRAMS 2010

COURTALK

Are you a woman who has left, or is thinking of leaving, an abusive relationship?

Are you interested in finding out about your legal options? Rights? Resources?

Are you feeling confused with the Court

We have information and resources that can help

- ◆ Videos
- ◆ Court forms
- ◆ Legal Rights Guides

Where: Ishtar Transition Housing Society
#101 6350 203rd St. Langley

When: Wednesday 9:30am— noon
Sept 15 2010 to June 22 2011,
except Dec. 15th, 22nd and 29th.



For more info or to arrange for child minding call Jenni at 604-534-1011

CWWA Groups:

In late September /early October there will be more CWWA Groups. For more information call Rena at 604-534-1011.

The Pain and Pleasure of Parenting

Are you looking for a supportive, safe environment where you can talk with other parents who have similar struggles? Are you looking for non-judgmental assistance and information? Are you looking for balance?

Then this drop in parent group is for you!

Date: Group is held on Tuesdays beginning
September 14 through to December 14

Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Place: Ishtar's Group Room, 101—6350 203rd St.,
Langley

For more information contact Rena at 604- 534 -
1011



Ishtar Transition Housing Society is hosting two Community Drop-In Groups

WHO:

Women who have experienced or who are experiencing any type of abuse in any relationship

WHY:

To provide women with the opportunity to experience a supportive and safe space for women to connect with other women. As well as providing women with free and confidential support and information.

WHERE/WHEN FOR LANGLEY

Ishtar's Administration Office
101- 6350 203rd St. Langley

Every Monday starting September 13th 2010 to June 20th 2011 from 9:30am-noon except Oct. 11, Dec. 13th, Dec. 20th, Dec. 27th, 2010 and Jan. 3rd, April 25th & May 23rd, 2011

WHERE/WHEN FOR ALDEGROVE

Ishtar's Aldergrove Office
3093—271 St, Aldergrove

Every Tuesday starting September 14th until
October 26th from 5:30pm—7:30pm

Refreshments will be provided for group members

Groups are facilitated by Ishtar Transition Housing Society's Community Outreach Workers.

Child minding is available for the Langley location only, but you need to book at least two weeks in advance

**For more information call Jenni or Ronnie for the
Langley Group and Mardel or Dana for the
Aldergrove Group at (604) 534-1011**

ISHTAR TRANSITION HOUSING SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the 36th Annual General Meeting in June, Ishtar Transition Housing Society accepted new members to its Board of Directors.

Three Board members left the Board to pursue other activities: Shelley Henshaw, Jay Peebles and Pat Qualtrough, these members will be missed for their considerable contribution to Ishtar.

New members being welcomed in September at the first meeting after the summer are Laurie Leach, Rian Martin and Darlene Blackhall.

After the AGM, the following members were elected to positions: Michelle Hawco, President; Julie Toddington, Vice-President; Crystal Pudsey, Treasurer and Janette Kovacs, Secretary. Members at Large include Terry Smith, Don Truscott, Jane Gladman, and Regula Baer.

The new year promises to be a busy one, with the finalizing of an updated Strategic Plan, and Ishtar's first fundraiser in a while, an October "SPOOKTACULAR" to be held October 29th.

"Working with the Board of Ishtar is always rewarding. We are constantly being called upon to expand services and with limited resources, non-profits now have to become more innovative and creative." said President Michelle Hawco.

CAMP COMMANCHE REPORT



During the month of July we held our Camp Comanche and Camp Comanche Go Girls for the Children Who Witness Abuse clients. This summer we held two, week long day camps. Camps are held at Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities (PRDA). I would like to thank the wonderful staff, volunteers and of course the amazing horses at PRDA, camp would not be possible without all of you.

Week one of camp was a mixed camp with 6 children between the ages of 7-10 participating. Week two, was the Camp Comanche Go Girls. With the financial assistance of Soroptomists International of the Langleys we were able to fund the Camp. Eight girls between the ages of 10-12, who all had an awesome time, participated.

Each day the groups had two hours of equestrian time, and the balance was spent having lunch, group work, art activities and walks around PRDA. Each week ended in a group hot dog lunch. It is amazing to see how much change occurs within the week. I look forward to next summer's camps.

Rena Andronek
CWWA Program Coordinator



*Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery.
And today? Today is a gift.
That's why we call it the present.*

- Babatunde Olatunji

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Ishtar Transition Housing Society welcomes support from the community for the work that we do. We are committed to working with all victims/survivors of domestic violence and abuse. Our programs include safe accommodation at transition houses, support and counselling. Whenever possible we go into the community to educate the public and to help people become aware of the impact this abuse has on many peoples' lives. Our goal is to help prevent this abuse and violence from happening.

Membership is **\$5.00** per year. If you feel able to contribute any additional amount, it would be very much appreciated. Ishtar is a Registered Charity and can issue tax deductible receipts for donations of \$5 and over. Please make your cheque payable to **Ishtar Transition Housing Society.**

When the Board of Directors considers your application, it would be helpful if you could state your reason for applying for membership in the Society. _____

Please complete return to: ISHTAR TRANSITION HOUSING SOCIETY
#101—6350 203rd Street, Langley, BC V2Y 1L9

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ Postal Code: _____

Membership Fee enclosed \$ _____ Email: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Membership approved _____ Date: _____

Ishtar Transition Housing Society respects and upholds an individual's right to privacy and to protection of her/his personal information. Ishtar Transition Housing Society is committed to ensuring compliance with applicable privacy legislation.

Ishtar Transition Housing Society does not sell, trade or rent mailing lists. If you wish to be removed from any of our lists, please contact us by phoning 604-534-1011.

DONATION FORM:

I would like to support Ishtar Transition Housing Society. Please print your name and address below:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE \$ _____ Immediately to ITHS: _____ Monthly: _____ # of times per year: _____

I authorize ITHS to charge \$ _____ to my credit card on the _____ day of each month or _____ times per year.

PAYMENT METHOD: By cheque _____ Money order _____ By Visa _____