Dear Friends,

Since 1973, Ishtar Women’s Resource Society has provided support and safe refuge for at risk women and children fleeing domestic violence in the Langley and Aldergrove area. This year has been a challenging year as the need for services far exceeds our funding capabilities. Therefore, we are writing to you, a member of the Langley community, to ask for financial help in meeting these needs.

Did you know:
Half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16.
Approximately every 6 days, a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner
On any given day in Canada, more than 3,300 women (along with their 3,000 children) are forced to sleep in an emergency shelter to escape domestic violence. (Stats are from the Canadian Women’s Foundation.)

This past year at our two transition houses, Libra House and Ishtar House:

8310 telephone calls were received asking for service.
184 women and 135 children were sheltered.
889 women and 318 children turned away due to lack of space
32 women were turned way on November 19th at Libra House because it was full

But let us give you some good news. The staff of Ishtar are some of the most dedicated professionals in this province. Their optimism and enthusiasm for making a difference in the lives of women and children is hampered only by a lack of funds.

It is our goal to expand our services to include women who are unable to find safe refuge, your monetary donation will help us reach our goal.

Please help us help the most vulnerable women and children in your local area.

Cheques should be payable to Ishtar Woman’s Resource Society. If you would like us to pick up your donations, we would be happy to do so. Please call us at 604.534.1011. If you agree, we would like to show our appreciation with a personal acknowledgment of thanks. A time to be arranged at your convenience.

On behalf of all of us, we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ishtar Women’s Resource Society Charity #11897 1753 RR0001

Working together locally to eliminate violence against women globally.
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