



DOMESTIC
ABUSE SERVICES
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SOCIETY

TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR

JUNE 2020

BREAKING ISOLATION

Before, During, and After COVID19

Isolation is a major threat to those experiencing domestic abuse and COVID19 has brought about a particularly challenging time for these survivors. While we all do our part following the health authorities advice to bunker down in our homes and social distance, those affected by domestic abuse have been subject to the perfect environment which gives their abuser the advantage. With schools, programs, churches and businesses closed, friends and family off limits, and shelters at full capacity, the power and control these abusers seek is heightened to their advantage.

In fact, over the last few months, cases of abuse in Canada have nearly tripled.

Now more than ever, we need to be available to survivors of domestic abuse. We must create awareness to our community members of the prevalence of abuse which is happening around them and alert them to the signs so we may check in on each other. Our Help Line remains open daily 10am to 10pm for victims to reach out and we continue to take families into Eva's House as space permits.

However, our programs and services have been affected by these closures as well, as have been at many other institutions offering the similar support. Our regular education programs and fundraising events have all been postponed for an uncertain time and our favourite store, Thrifters' Paradise, will remain closed until June 9th. With these changes, our Society is experiencing financial uncertainty, significant lost revenue from our closed store, and a drop in donations from our regular supporters who may be experiencing financial hardship themselves.

THE NEXT STEP

Domestic Abuse Services' Board of Directors, staff and volunteers are continuing to work hard to navigate these times of uncertainty, identify the impact these changes have brought unto victims of domestic violence, and to reinvent new ways to provide our services to them. We ask all our loyal members and generous donors to continue their support and journey with us as we fight for these victims and their right TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR.

Please follow us online to receive updates regarding our events. We will do our best to keep our members and subscribers well informed.



MAKE A DONATION

If you wish to invest in a life without fear for all, please visit our website to donate to our Society at www.DomesticAbuseServicesca. All donations over \$20 will be issued a tax receipt.

HELP LINE

Available
10am to 10pm
EVERYDAY

Local: **604.640.7549**
Toll Free: **1.888.833.7733**
info@domesticabuseservices.ca

If you are in immediate danger
call 9-1-1.

OFFICE HOURS

Our head office remains open.

Please call ahead as usual, before visiting.

604.585.6688

#201 14045 104th Avenue
Surrey, BC



2020 WALK TO KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE

Each of our event brings a different dynamic and different community to support us. Our fundraising events are important to our Society's work as they help us raise much needed financial support towards Eva's House and as well as our programs. We know our members return each year to join in the fun. Unfortunately, we simply cannot use our same format while maintaining social distances and following restrictions to keep everyone safe. It saddens us to have to cancel our regular events.

However, we will press forward with our Walk to Keep the Dream Alive with a new twist. We hope you will join us for this year's fantasy walkathon! Join with a family, group or a few friends together at a safe distance or together in spirit. Challenge yourself to a 2km, 4km, or 6km run, walk, or roll. Collect pledges to support your efforts.

Between June 20 and June 28, head to your favourite park or trail and take selfies and pictures while you walk. Show you're having a great time! Hold up 1, 2, or 3 fingers in your pictures to let us know which milestone you've hit and send them to admin@domesticabuseservices.ca to be entered into a draw for prizes! Your pictures will be posted on our social media to show the world there is still hope and happiness to be found. Your efforts will help us makeup for lost revenue over this tough time.

Pledge forms can be downloaded from our website at www.DomesticAbuseServices.ca or requested from our office.

THRIFTERS' PARADISE

We've been closed since mid-March and we've missed you all dearly. We are pleased to announce, we **plan to re-open on June 9th 2020**. So many new items in store with a lot of summer stock to get you ready for the hot weather including patio and picnic items, shorts and tees, swim-suits and sandals!

ITEMS TO GIVE?

We are still accepting donations on a limited schedule. Drop off times are:

Tuesdays and Saturdays
from 11am to 2pm
at the store.



ThrifTERS' Paradise
will re-open in JUNE.

20566 56th Avenue, Langley
Phone: 604.514.7001

In order to keep our volunteers and customers as safe as possible, we have implemented the following measures:

- Minimized store hours and rotating volunteers.
- All donations are washed and heat treated before being displayed.
- Larger aisles have been provided to allow for social distancing with direction control.
- Lower customer capacity in store.
- Sanitizer provided to customers upon entry and mask wearing encouraged.
- Increased surface sanitization throughout the day.
- Protective glass barrier provided at front desk.
- As always, no returns or exchanges.