



## **Violence Against Women**

Domestic violence is a serious and pervasive issue. Violence against women and children is an issue that does not discriminate – it occurs across all ethnic, racial, age, religious, economic and social groups. The impact of violence against women is felt by everyone, either directly or indirectly. The Canadian Centre for Justice reports that 51% of Canadian women over the age of sixteen have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence. Tragically, one to two women are murdered by a current or former partner each week in our country (Dauvergne, Homicide in Canada).

## **Yellow Brick House**

Yellow Brick House, operating in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year, is a non profit charitable organization that provides emergency shelter, counselling and supportive services to abused women and their children. Yellow Brick House offers several programs that are designed for domestic violence victims that can be customized for each woman and child according to their unique set of circumstances and needs. Yellow Brick House is committed to being an industry leader in providing services and education to York Region communities.

## **Second Shelter, Second Chances**

Last year alone, over 5000 women and children received assistance through the Yellow Brick House shelter and outreach services. Even so, 622 women and children could not be accommodated due to lack of space. The need for additional emergency shelter beds is critical. To respond to this need, Yellow Brick House is conducting the *Second Shelter, Second Chances* Capital Campaign to raise the requisite funding needed to open a second emergency shelter in Markham.

## **You Can Make A Difference**

The work of Yellow Brick House is not possible without the support of York Region community members. Your participation in the seventh annual Yellow Brick House *Mending Hearts...Creating Dreams Gala* will ensure that we meet our goal of raising four million dollars to open a much needed second emergency shelter in Markham.

Please visit [www.yellowbrickhouse.org](http://www.yellowbrickhouse.org) to learn more.

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Forgiveness. Comfort. Vulnerability. Honesty. Courage. Love.  
Now we're talking about power.  
M. Beattie*