

GUIDE TO IN-KIND DONATIONS



*4 in 10 (40%) women report having
been abused in their lifetime.*

*Thank you for keeping Yellow Brick
House open and safe for women and
children escaping violence.*



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Letter from the CEO

Domestic violence continues to be a pressing issue affecting countless individuals' lives. Many women and children urgently need a safe space to escape the cycle of abuse and rebuild their lives.

I am inviting you and the members of our community to join hands in hosting a fundraising event that will directly benefit the women in our shelters. Events create awareness and highlight the crucial financial support needed to ensure that the shelter remains open, offering a lifeline to those seeking refuge.

While we deeply appreciate in-kind donations, such as clothing, personal care items, and household goods, the financial support guarantees the shelters' continuous operation. By organizing this fundraising event, we can come together as a community to significantly impact the lives of women and children in need.

To learn more, reach out to supporter@yellowbrickhouse.org and we can provide support with creating an event page that will share the details of your planned event.

Your generosity and commitment will make a significant difference in the lives of vulnerable individuals in our community. Should you require any further information call 905-709-0900 ext. 2255 or email supporter@yellowbrickhouse.org

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support. Together we can break the silence on domestic violence.

Regards,



Lorris Herenda
Chief Executive Officer



Thank you for your interest in making an in-kind donation to Yellow Brick House.

Through generous donations from community members like you, Yellow Brick House is able to provide a wide variety of programs for women and their children who have experienced violence, poverty, and homelessness.

"I can't express enough gratitude for the support and care I've received from Yellow Brick House. When I had nowhere else to turn, they offered me a safe haven and the basic necessities that I needed to survive."

- Survivor Zara

"The shelter staff has been incredibly compassionate and understanding. They treated me with respect and dignity, never making me feel ashamed or judged for seeking help. They created a warm and welcoming environment that allowed me to feel a sense of belonging and restored my faith in humanity."

- Survivor Amira

Ontario has the highest number of victims of domestic violence in Canada.

How to make in-kind donations

- 1) Before making an in-kind donation, please **contact us** at 905-709-0900 (ext. 2255) or supporter@yellowbrickhouse.org to ensure that we are able to accept your donation. Our space is very limited, and the needs of the women and children receiving services from Yellow Brick House frequently change. See pages 4-7 for a list of specific items, and find our list of urgently needed items at www.yellowbrickhouse.org/wish-list.
- 2) Download and **complete the in-kind donation form** at bit.ly/in-kind-form. Email your completed form to supporter@yellowbrickhouse.org.
- 3) **Make an appointment** to drop off your donation by contacting supporter@yellowbrickhouse.org or 905-709-0900 (ext. 2255). Appointments are available 9 am – 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (except statutory holidays) at 52 West Beaver Creek, Unit 4, Richmond Hill, Ontario. Extended appointment hours are available in December 2023, and are as follows:

Saturday, December 9: 12pm – 4pm

December 11-14: 9am – 7:30pm

Saturday, December 16: 12pm – 4pm

December 18-21: 9am – 7:30pm

All donated items must be new and unopened. We cannot accept any used items, for infection control and for the safety of the women and children receiving services.

Tax receipts for in-kind donations

We are not able to provide tax receipts for in-kind donations. However, we can provide a letter of acknowledgment for your in-kind donation. If you wish to receive a tax receipt, you can opt to make a financial donation. Your generous contribution can be directed towards a specific program, gift cards, or nights of safety. Your support will make a meaningful impact in the lives of those affected by domestic violence, and we are truly grateful for your consideration.

To make a financial donation, visit www.yellowbrickhouse.org or use this QR code.





Items needed

GIFT CARDS

- General: Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart
- Grocery: No Frills, FreshCo, PC
- Transportation: Gas, Presto
- For Youth: Tim Horton's, McDonald's, Harvey's
- Miscellaneous: movie passes, Canadian Tire, Staples, Dollarama

Gift cards give women the power to choose what they need when they need it. In-kind gift cards are not tax-receiptable, but you may instead make a financial donation and request the donation to be directed to gift cards. We will then provide a tax receipt for your donation.

WINTER CLOTHING

For children

- Snowsuits, winter jackets, snow pants
- T-shirt, sweatshirt, joggers, jeans
- Hats and scarves
- Waterproof mitts/gloves
- Sneakers, warm boots

For women

- Winter jackets: large, extra large
- T-shirt, sweatshirt, joggers, jeans
- Sneakers, boots: large sizes (specially 8,9,10,11)

"I now celebrate where I am in my life, and I'm proud of what I have accomplished with the help of Yellow Brick House."

TRANSITIONAL PACKAGES

- Dishes, mugs, glasses, cutlery, casserole dishes
- Frying pans (12" with lid is great for women with several children), pots (including 3-quart size for larger families), baking sheets, 8"-9" cake pans
- Toasters, kettles, coffee makers, teapots
- Mixing bowls, measuring cups, measuring spoons
- Sturdy can openers, knives, spatulas, food turners, wooden spoons, whisks, peelers, graters, tongs
- Sponges, dishcloths, kitchen towels, oven mitts
- Dish and laundry detergent/pods
- Reusable shopping bags





Food items needed

BASIC FOOD PACKAGES

- canned peas, carrots, green beans, corn, tomatoes
- stuffing mix, rice, gravy, cranberries, juice
- cake mix with icing, cookies, dried fruits, nuts, candy
- tea, coffee, hot chocolate

PANTRY PACKAGES

- soup (condensed and ready to serve), chili, crackers
- canned peas, carrots, green beans, corn, black beans, red beans, chickpeas, lentils
- pasta, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, tomato paste, Kraft Dinner
- rice (long grain, basmati, jasmine), rice side dishes
- tuna, salmon, canned chicken/meat
- canned fruit, jam, peanut butter
- tea (including green tea), coffee (ground and instant), juice
- oil (vegetable, canola, olive)
- pancake mix and syrup
- cookies

All food donations must have a minimum shelf life of 3 months

SCHOOL SNACKS

- juice boxes
- goldfish crackers, Ritz crackers
- pudding cups, fruit cups (including applesauce cups), fruit roll-ups
- peanut-free snacks
- cookies
- small chocolate bars, small bags of chips

BABY PACKAGES

- formula (stage 1 and stage 2)
- pureed baby food packets/jars
- baby oatmeal/cereal boxes
- baby cookies/rusks
- diapers (larger sizes 5, 6)
- Pull-ups (2-3T, 3-4T, 4-5T)
- baby wipes

"I am in a really good place of recovery, thanks to Yellow Brick House."



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Your Impact BY THE NUMBERS

5,021

women and children served

12,700

*counselling and court
support hours provided
to women and children*

2,611

*youth reached through
public education Programs*

164

*women and children
stayed in the safety of
our emergency shelters*

2,850

volunteer hours

***Your donation to Yellow Brick House
provides life-saving services and
prevention programs to thousands of
individuals impacted by violence every
year.***

THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

What's your legacy? Consider including Yellow Brick House in your will. Learn more at www.yellowbrickhouse.org/planned-giving.

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