



# Cowichan Women Against Violence Society

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## About CWAV Society...Information for Community Fundraisers

### Our Mission Statement

Cowichan Women Against Violence Society works from a feminist perspective to provide a supportive environment primarily to women and children who have been affected by abuse. We support diversity, change, choice and growth through counseling, advocacy, emergency shelter, community development and education.

### At CWAV Society we believe.....

- No one deserves to be abused.
- Violence has no place in relationships or in society.
- Relationship and societal violence arise from an imbalance and misuse of power and control.
- Equality, mutual respect, self-esteem, and interdependence are values that foster healthy relationships and a healthy society.
- Education and awareness are essential for prevention.
- Women and children are diverse and have a right to have their differences respected and supported.
- The community has a right and a responsibility to become involved.
- We recognize that an individual's capacity for change is influenced by the broader social, and economic and political environment.

### Our Purpose is....

- To provide and maintain shelter for women of all ages, who have been physically, sexually and / or emotionally abused and their children.
- To provide a range of programs and services including information, counseling, crisis support and advocacy services for women, children, youth and families who are experiencing physical, sexual, and / or psychological violence in their lives.
- To develop and provide innovative programs and services that reflect feminist principles.
- To provide other related services to individuals affected by violence in accordance with a commitment to diversity.

**All fundraising activities should complement our mission, beliefs and purpose.**