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.