



FAMILY TRANSITION PLACE

SPRING UPDATE

PROVIDING SAFETY, SUPPORT AND HOPE FOR OVER 35 YEARS.

RENEWAL, RECOVERY, REBUILD

Every year, with the long-awaited arrival of spring, comes a sense of renewal and a natural feeling of refreshment and opportunity for the summer and seasons ahead. While we are certainly seeing this at Family Transition Place (FTP)—plants peeking through our gardens, robins nesting in the trees and more kiddos out on our backyard playground—this year, we are feeling it, too.

Although our shelter has remained in operation throughout the pandemic, many of our staff have continued to support clients exclusively from home. As we begin to welcome more staff and counselling clients back on-site, you can palpably feel the excitement of folks walking back through our doors and seeing one another in person. There is a sense of accomplishment and pride for coming this far; for making tough decisions and sometimes scary changes; for developing and defining the future of FTP—all out of love for our staff and the families that need us.

We are all feeling ready for the “new normal,” for more opportunities for staff and client growth, and to continue sharing our progress with all of you.

It has undoubtedly been a long two years. Having the support of our community has provided us with the hope, resources and confidence to continue to provide for the families that need us most. Thank you for being a part of it.

TOP NEWS

- **Sexual Violence Prevention Month**
- **Introducing: FTP's NEW Lotus Centre!**
- **FTP building expansion plans**
- **Heidi's Walk 2022: Save the date!**

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MAY IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

Sexual Violence Prevention Month (SVPM)—formerly named Sexual Assault Awareness/Prevention Month—takes place annually throughout the month of May. As an Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) member, FTP is participating in a campaign that was developed by the OCRCC in honour of this month-long initiative. This new campaign includes a graphic and flag (see image) designed by an Indigenous design firm, with input from OCRCC public educators. The SVPM flag will fly at Orangeville Town Hall from May 16th until May 27th. Please check our website for flag-raising details.

FTP will be posting important facts, information and resources on our social media pages and website throughout the month of May. Please help us raise awareness about this important initiative by visiting our pages and sharing our posts with your networks.



Lotus Centre

Sexual Violence Counselling and Support

INTRODUCING: FTP'S NEW LOTUS CENTRE!

Through significant funding from the provincial government, FTP's sexual violence counselling services will be expanding to provide more services to individuals in the Dufferin and Caledon communities. Our existing sexual assault counselling program offers compassionate support to all individuals (16 years and older) who have experienced recent or historical sexual abuse. The expanded program will be offering a larger continuum of support, including: 24/7 crisis support; client-centred counselling; counselling support for partners; family members and friends; community engagement and education; a mobile crisis worker; group counselling and peer support groups. This new program has been named FTP's *Lotus Centre—Sexual Violence Counselling and Support*.

For more information on this new program, please visit the *Lotus Centre* page on our website, or contact Barbara Mason—Sexual Assault Community Engagement Facilitator—barbara@familytransitionplace.ca or 519-942-4122, ext. 481.

YOUTH EDUCATION



FTP's Youth Education Program educators are excited to be back in schools doing in-person programming with the youth of Dufferin and

Caledon. This program is designed to teach kids what healthy relationships are all about with the goal of eliminating violence in our communities.

Registration is now open for our 2022/2023 school year. If you are a teacher or administrator in Dufferin and Caledon and would like to introduce these programs into your school curriculum, please contact Travis Greenley at travis@familytransitionplace.ca.



FTP'S PROPOSED BUILDING EXPANSION

Our priority has always been the safety of the women and children we serve, and our staff.

Over the last two years, we've made extensive changes to our shelter and office spaces; most notably to our Orangeville location.

In order to continue offering the tremendous level of service that this community has come to expect, our service delivery has continued to evolve and there just isn't enough room to do what we need to do with the space we currently have available

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Hometown Market: June 25, 2022
Hockley Valley Farm
- The Hometown Market: September 17, 2022
Avalon Lavender Farm

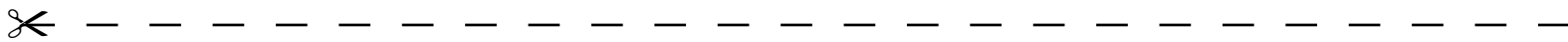
Donations will be collected on behalf of FTP at each of the market dates listed above, and the organizer of *The Hometown Market* will also donate 10% of their market table earnings for the day.

Are you interested in hosting an event on behalf of FTP?

More information about third-party events can be found on our website, or you can contact Kelly at kelly@familytransitionplace.ca/519-942-4122, ext. 243 for more details.

in our Orangeville building. The only place we can go is up and out, so we are looking at expanding our space by adding to our existing footprint. This proposed expansion is in its very early stages, but if funding is secured, we will add additional office spaces for staff, and, most importantly, square footage to provide on-site transitional housing for our clients. Safe and affordable housing is at a crisis in most communities—including ours—so we're going to address this issue the best way we can.

As this planning progresses, we will make sure to keep you updated.



I would like to help Family Transition Place and make an impact on the lives they serve.

FIRST & LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

PHONE () _____ POSTAL CODE _____

EMAIL (sign up for updates) _____

Option 1: Single Gift

I'd/we'd like to make a SINGLE gift of:

- \$30 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 other
- I/we will enclose a cheque to Family Transition Place
- I/we prefer to use a credit card (fill out info on the other side)

Or, donate directly through our website:
www.familytransitionplace.ca

SAVE THE DATE!

Introducing: Heidi's Walk...for HOPE!



It is with great optimism that planning has already begun for this year's *Heidi's Walk* 5k walk/fundraiser event...

and it will be taking place, in person! There is some hesitation to host our other large fall event—the HOPE Project—in person, so we have decided to combine the events and run them as: *Heidi's Walk for HOPE*.

After (what will be) almost three years of not seeing our wonderful community at an in-person event, we are very excited about this opportunity and we hope to see you there!

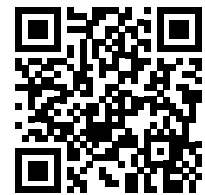
Sunday, September 18, 2022
Island Lake Conservation Area

Please visit www.heidiswalkftp.ca for more details in the coming months.

2021 HOPE PROJECT EVENT

A Special Opportunity!

Last year's *HOPE Project Event: The Time is NOW!* raised important funds in support of FTP's programs and services. It also provided us with an opportunity to shine a spotlight on our everyday heroes: our staff. A lot has changed here at FTP in the last two years. Our service delivery has been modified to meet our clients where they are and our office and shelter spaces have undergone extensive changes to accommodate health and safety recommendations and protocols. The goal when producing last year's event was to provide our community with an opportunity to meet the individuals that have continued providing uninterrupted service to the women and children we serve.



If you would like to watch our 2021 HOPE Project Event production, please click on the QR code.



VOLUNTEERING AT FTP

FTP's direct-service volunteer program has been on hold since the onset of the pandemic. Our goal is to start introducing volunteers back on-site very soon. At that time, we will need support in our shelter and with upcoming fundraising initiatives.

Are you interested in volunteering with us? If yes, please contact Kelly Lee at kelly@familytransitionplace.ca.

Option 2: Join our Monthly Donor Program

I'd/we'd like to make a MONTHLY gift of:

\$50 \$25 \$15 other _____ (min. \$10/month)

or please charge my   

CARD NUMBER _____

CARD HOLDER'S NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

EXPIRY DATE _____ 3 OR 4 DIGIT SECURITY CODE _____

Thank you!