



**FAMILY TRANSITION PLACE**

# FALL UPDATE

PROVIDING SAFETY, SUPPORT AND HOPE FOR OVER 35 YEARS.

## THE VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

The current housing crisis is having a profound impact on many in our community, in particular the women and families we serve. The prohibitive cost of rentals and home ownership, coupled with skyrocketing costs of living, is making life virtually impossible for far too many.

With the knowledge that safe and affordable housing is simply not available in our community, Family Transition Place (FTP) is endeavouring to create a solution—by designing and building it ourselves. Our vision is a 22 unit apartment building that will provide safe, supportive and truly affordable housing, right here on our existing site.

We continue to work with our partner Raising the Roof to ensure all the preliminary steps are in place so that we are ready to put the shovel in the ground, as soon as we have the necessary funding and support to launch the project.

We look forward to sharing further updates with you in the coming months, including how you can be a part of making this vision a reality for our community. Ready to learn more now? Contact Brennan Solecky at 519-942-4122, ext. 240.

## TOP NEWS

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## HEIDI'S WALK FOR HOPE

*Our first in-person fundraising event since the onset of the pandemic.*

Heidi's Walk for Hope—a thoughtful combination of Heidi's Walk (formerly the Ferguson Memorial Walk) and our annual HOPE Project event—was held on Sunday, September 18, 2022. The mandate of this event is to raise funds and awareness towards ending violence against women.

This year's event featured a 5k walk around the beautiful Island Lake Conservation Area, a vendor marketplace (hosted by The Hometown Market Orangeville), food trucks, a silent auction and raffle, and powerful words from guest speakers. It was wonderful to see

everyone in person again, and to feel the positive energy from all who were involved.

Through the support of our incredible sponsors, donors and participants, this event raised over \$30,000. Our work to end violence against women continues, but it brings us hope to know that so many people are committed to talking about this critical issue, raising awareness and supporting prevention initiatives.

## WRAPPED IN COURAGE

*November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month*



In recognition of Woman Abuse Prevention Month, FTP is once again participating in the Wrapped in Courage campaign—an annual initiative developed and facilitated by the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH).

This is the 10th anniversary of this awareness campaign, emphasizing the ever-existing importance of ending gender-based violence. As part of this year's campaign, FTP is selling a brand new Wrapped in Courage purple scarf (quantities limited), coordinating flag-raising ceremonies and proclamations with local municipalities, and launching a "Did You Know?" initiative (see panel to the right).

For more information about the Wrapped in Courage campaign, please visit [wrappedincourage.ca](http://wrappedincourage.ca).

If you're interested in finding out more about this year's purple scarf, please contact Kelly Lee at [kelly@familytransitionplace.ca](mailto:kelly@familytransitionplace.ca) or 519-942-4122, ext. 243.

## DID YOU KNOW?

In recognition of Woman Abuse Prevention Month, we will be sharing important "Did You Know?" information on our website and social media pages throughout the month of November. Please follow us to read survivor stories, learn more about the prevalence of gender-based violence across our country and to find out about the programs and services we offer that work to end the cycle of violence.

Follow us on:



[familytransitionplace.ca](http://familytransitionplace.ca)

## YOUTH EDUCATION

*Back in schools...and on Instagram!*



FTP's Youth Education programs are running in schools again after two years of adapted programming through pandemic lockdowns. Our youth educators developed some creative virtual ways to keep youth engaged over the last years, and are happy to be back in classrooms where they can connect directly with students.

Through the challenges of virtual program development, it became clear that we needed to offer new online opportunities for youth to learn and connect, so we developed a youth-focused Instagram page that provides daily healthy relationship and wellness content. This new platform also allows us to share classroom success stories and updates on local initiatives. Our in-classroom youth educators are sharing details about the page with their students with the hopes that they will access (and share!) the information to help further their healthy relationship journey.

**Check out @ftplace\_youth**

FTP's Youth Education program was set up over 20 years ago with the goal to end the cycle of violence before it begins. This program runs mainly through fundraised dollars. If you would like to learn more about how to support this program, please contact Brennan Solecky at 519-942-4122, ext. 240 or [brennan@familytransitionplace.ca](mailto:brennan@familytransitionplace.ca).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Rise Again Fundraising Event*



Photo credit: Ann Randeraad

"Rise Again" is a solo show by Ann Randeraad that will take place throughout the month of November in the Lavender Lounge at Hereward Farms.

This show speaks to family violence and will raise funds for FTP.

Hereward Farms  
141051 Side Road 15, East Garafraxa  
November 9–December 4, 2022

*A drop-in show reception will take place on November 12 from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. All are welcome.*

*Save the Date!*

Guess what? Our International Women's Day Celebration Luncheon will be back again in 2023!

**Join us on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> for an incredible afternoon celebrating women.**

This event ALWAYS sells out, so make sure to keep an eye on our website and social media pages for ticket sales and other event updates.

**This will be the last year for this event—don't miss out!**



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

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### Option 1: Single Gift

I/we would 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 (complete info on reverse)

Or, donate directly through our website:  
[familytransitionplace.ca](http://familytransitionplace.ca)

## DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> VIGIL

*National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women*

On December 6, 1989, 14 young women were horrifically killed at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal. **They died because the monster who killed them hated women.**

Please join us for an in-person, outdoor vigil at our Orangeville office on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> as we take a moment to remember and acknowledge all of the women we have lost to gender-based violence. Attendees will be invited to speak about the actions we can make as a community to end violence against women.

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

20 Bredin Parkway, Orangeville

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

*This will be an outdoor event—please dress accordingly*

Hot beverages will be available



## DID YOU KNOW?



**Did you know** that nut-free school snacks such as fruit cups, fruit bars, pudding cups and granola bars are always needed for kids staying with us? Donations of these items are always appreciated. For your convenience, these items can be ordered and delivered directly to us through our **Amazon Wish List** (please scan the QR code).

If you have any questions about making a donation this holiday season, please call 519-942-4122, ext. 247 or visit [familytransitionplace.ca/give](http://familytransitionplace.ca/give) for our current needs.



### Option 2: Join our Monthly Donor Program

I/we would like to make a MONTHLY gift of:

\$100  \$50  \$20  other \_\_\_\_\_ (min. \$10/month)

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## Thank you!