



# Carty House Chronicle

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## Carty House Gala a huge success

By Kris Kelly

*Carty House Fundraising Chair*

What an evening! On October 16th, the residents and staff of Carty House were joined by 80 of their friends and supporters for the annual Carty House Gala.

Once again the owners and staff of the best vegetarian restaurant in the city, The Green Door, hosted an evening of fun and festivities in support of Carty House.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed as singer/guitarist Kerron Lamb entertained the early crowd. After dinner, the audience was buoyed by the powerful voice of gospel singer soloist Rennatha Bernadin. Both had the audience singing along and tapping their feet.

An inspiring speech was given by Claudette Nwana, a former resident who shared her tale of fleeing forced marriage and female circumcision in Cameroon to begin anew in Canada. (If you missed it, you can hear more about her story in this year's annual appeal.)

Mercy Lawlivi, Executive Director of Immigrant Women Services Ottawa, latter offered her own inspirational and informative keynote address.

Winners of the annual raffle were drawn throughout the night as guests placed their silent auction bids on amazing prizes that ranged from gift certificates for local restaurants and theatre and sports tickets, to jewellery and foodie gift baskets.

We are so grateful to all the corporate donors that contributed to both the silent auction and raffle.

A huge thank you also goes out to all those who attended the gala, volunteered to organize it and donated to help Carty House celebrate. Thanks to you, we were able to raise some \$5,000 to support programming and initiatives for refugee women in Ottawa.



Clockwise: Entertainer Kerron Lamb, former resident Claudette Nwana, singer Rennatha Bernadin and Mercy Lawlivi, executive director of the Immigrant Women Services Centre.



### Congrats to this year's Raffle Winners!

**VIA Rail tickets to Quebec City:** Connie Woloschuk

**Pomeroy House gift certificate:** Cam Bowes

**Carte Blanche Salon & Spa gift certificate:** Liz Majic

**Gymboree Play & Music classes:** Katerine Sylvestre

**Terra20 gift card:** Jean Sabourin

**NAC gift card:** Maureen Ramsay

**Costco gift card:** Jan Doucette

# Ride for refuge

By Tobin Cohen

*Carty House Communications Chair & Chronicle Editor*

Congratulations to Team Carty House for raising nearly \$3,000 in the Ride for Refuge.

We couldn't have asked for nicer weather as we set out on a sunny, crisp Saturday, September 30th to walk 5 km or cycle as many as 50 km in support of refugees.

Our team included 15 board members, volunteers, friends and Carty House residents.

We are so grateful to the nearly 60 people who donated specifically to Carty House.

The annual event took place in some 25 cities across Canada. In total, the Ride for Refuge raised more than \$2 million for 186 different charities serving refugees.



## What's New?

- ◆ Carty House Executive Director and new mum Juliet Schimpf has stepped down permanently to spend more time with family. We wish her the very best!
- ◆ We are delighted to welcome Diana Martin to the board of directors. She comes to us with extensive fundraising and not-for-profit experience. Welcome aboard Diana!
- ◆ Our website has a new look! We hope you like the redesign. Huge thanks to our former webmaster Karishma Vaz who maintained the old site even after moving to Toronto! Thanks also to former board member Josée Samson-Savage for starting the redesign and volunteer María de los Ángeles Uribe for finishing it!

## Volunteer Profile

For the last year-and-a-half, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints have regularly volunteered their time to sort donations, clean and beautify the yard at Carty House.

"With the growing refugee crisis overseas, Carty House seemed like a logical organization for our group to support," said volunteer Lisa Spencer. (Far left.)

In October, she was joined by a group of young women and children for a four-hour fall garden clean-up.

"The youth program in our church encourages young men, young women and even children to provide service in the local community," Lisa said. "They brought a friend and were ready and willing to pull up their sleeves and get to work."

Thank you so much for all you've done for Carty House!



## Annual Appeal on now!

Serving refugee women in Ottawa is what we do but we can't do it without you.

Your generous support throughout the year keeps Carty House going.

Won't you please renew your commitment for another year and help us meet our goal of raising \$10,000?

Visit [cartyhouse.org](http://cartyhouse.org) to donate.

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