# Fall 2020

# Carty House Chronicle

*A First Home & Helping Hand for Female Refugees in Ottawa*

To say that it has been a crazy year, so far, is an understatement.
And yet, we have so much to remember during this season of Thanksgiving.

Our supporters did not miss a beat
in making sure that we had everything that we needed
to keep Carty House operating and safe.
The women have felt very cared for
and know that so many are devoted
to ensuring that they not only survive this pandemic,
but still thrive as they each establish themselves
in their new home country.
We hear time and time again how grateful the residents are.
This is important for you to know, too.

The year is not over, and we continue to face some challenges,
but we know that together, we can survive AND thrive.
So on behalf of the residents of Carty House, thank you!

## A Special Shout Out...

A special Thank You to Dominion City Brewing Company for their continued support!

—"Through sales of Safer Shores IPA and website donations (for July), we raised $8,000.00 for our friends at Matthew House and Carty House. These folks do incredible work and we're elated to contribute to their tireless and transformative efforts."

—Due to their amazing social programming and the generosity of one of their fans, a full Dominion City Turkey Bundle was delivered to Carty House for Thanksgiving! The residents had a feast! They were so excited!

—Thanks DCBC!

## The holidays are coming!

*Consider giving a donation to Carty House in honour of someone you care about. It's a gift that keeps on giving!*

And don't 4-get...

Carty House

Giving Tuesday!

December 1, 2020

# Our 1st Virtual Event was a Huge Success!

When our annual Carty House fundraising dinner, often referred to as the "gala," was cancelled in June due to Covid-19, we decided that we had nothing to lose by going virtual. So we went for it.

At the end of September, we were as amazed as anyone, that we stuck the jackpot for what turned out to be a very fun and inspiring evening. We raised close to $6,000 because of your generous support.

Thanks for everyone who attended, donated prizes, and invited their friends to learn about Carty House! See you next time!

Care to Connect

## 2020 Virtual Carty House Party

**Friday, September 25, 7-8:30pm**

We had a virtual tour of Carty House by the residents

We had raffles!

We were inspired by Pamella Mubeza, Past-resident

We bid at the Live Auction!

We were challenged by Louisa Taylor, ED Refugee 613

Check out our website or Facebook page for a recording of Louisa's inspiring remarks.

"I was amazed at the variety on the board and volunteers...great energy...also all the services that are offered to the residents!! Lots of life." -Attendee

"Thank you for such a fun evening! It was great!" -Attendee

# 2020 Virtual Carty House Party
# Remarks from Pamella Mubeza, Carty House Past-Resident

Good evening Carty House friends.
Good evening dear partners, volunteers and everyone who resides at Carty House. I am so happy to be a guest speaker at this gala as a former Carty House resident.

My name is Pamella Mubeza. I am originally from Burundi and arrived in Canada as a refugee. I am sure you must know that relocating and resettling in a new country is always difficult whether the move was voluntary or involuntary, as it was in my case.

Canada has a reputation as being a country of asylum, a welcoming country, but you have to know Carty House to understand what welcoming really means. I, myself, as well as most of the women at Carty House, are typically women and mothers who have left behind the most cherished and often fragile people in their lives. Imagine finding refuge in Canada, feeling safe, but also knowing that your 2-year old daughter has remained in the situation you ran away from.

This typical scenario explains how women arriving at Carty House are often very emotionally fragile or have lived difficult visible or invisible trauma. In any case, women from my community were brought up never to show their weaknesses.

Also we arrive in Canada completely ignorant of Canadian ways of life, starting with very simple things like taking the bus. I remember finding it strange to take a bus that seemed to be going in the opposite direction of where I wanted to go. Also, daily customs like how to organize a kitchen, remembering days designated to take out the garbage, how to dress on cold winter days, and how to prepare your CV. These are just a very few examples. I was very fortunate at a Carty House gala in 2016, to have met my guardian angel who became a friend, Godmother, confidant to this day.

What is also very important is that Carty House allows for a progressive and safe integration in a welcoming community without trying to uproot us, and to accompany us through things like the immigration process, to help us finding work.

I cannot begin to tell you about everything Carty House has done for me, all I can tell you is that Carty House was my first home in Canada; it offers more than shelter, it offers a home and a family.

I warmly want to thank the Board and volunteers of Carty House who give generously to help the residents; I tell you that it is not easy to manage life for 10 women who all come from different countries, who have different backgrounds and customs, and different educations. As I mentioned earlier, these are women who have been wounded mentally, psychologically, relationally, socially and who are looking for a new home.

Thank you to Carty House for being there for all the different women who are looking for a way out.

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**A first home and helping hand for refugee women in Ottawa.**

## OUR VISION

*A welcoming community where all refugee women have access to a safe and stable home.*

## OUR MISSION

*Carty House provides a first home and a helping hand to refugee women in need in the Ottawa area. We assist them in pursuing their claims and adjusting to their new life on arrival to Canada through the provision of accommodation, as well as through material, financial and psychological support.*


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## 2020 Holiday Wish List

We have started our holiday planning! We want to ensure each resident has a few necessary items under the tree this year! Can you help? Contact us for more details.
**Thank you for your consideration & generosity!**

*Want to continue to receive these newsletters? Let us know!*


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