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Carty House Chronicle

A First Home & Helping Hand for Female Refugees in Ottawa

Annual Appeal Update

We have the most generous supporters!
A big THANK YOU to each person, company, and organization that contributed!
You give our residents hope to keep going!

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2022 Foundations

Canva Foundation
Ontario Trillium Foundation
Ottawa Community Foundation
Stephen Greenberg Family Foundation

Carty House Happenings

- We have had several residents find permanent housing - allowing us to welcome new faces to Carty House! One new resident is moving in tomorrow!
- One of our residents just completed her culinary training course.
- Another resident is working hard on her degree in Social Work and is loving it.
- Another resident just got a full-time job and is excited to begin this next chapter.
- Louise held a snow-shovelling workshop - you should hear the residents trying to explain snow to family back home on the phone!
- With the help of technology, a resident was able to virtually attend her daughter's wedding back home - her fellow residents helped her celebrate.
- Carty House will be supporting a resident who has an immigration hearing in March, and another resident in May.
- Our intern led a landscape painting evening for the residents.
- We're getting ready for our Gal-entines event later this month.
- A past resident just had a baby and Carty House was there to ensure that she had what she needed. Everyone is doing great.

All this happens because of your generosity. Thank you so very much!

The holidays are often bittersweet given that these women are so far from home and their loved ones. But during our annual Carty House PJ Party, Santa came by to bring some good cheer and words of hope and encouragement!

Special thanks to all our supporters who contributed new PJs and other goodies to the residents. And a huge shout out to Guy Theriault! Ho Ho Ho!

BIG NEWS! and a HUGE "THANK YOU" to

Ontario Trillium Foundation / Fondation Trillium de l'Ontario

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Carty House has received $54,900 to upgrade our amazing home in 2023! This will cover new windows, interior paint, new carpeting, and a new desk and chair in each resident room! AMAZING!

We could not be more excited to upgrade this beautiful property that is owned by, and given for our use by, the Congregation of Notre Dame.

Since 1982, OTF has invested in people, communities, and equitable opportunities for all – supporting local organizations as they deliver essential programs and services to Ontarians.

Carty House Volunteer Highlight

BETSY SCHUURMAN

I got involved with Carty House at the suggestion of someone I met through a co-op daycare. When they found out I worked in fundraising, they said Carty House could use my help. I was immediately drawn to the organization's mission and was excited to find a way to give back to my community. I'm so proud that over the past seven years, I've been able to help Carty House increase its fundraising capacity.

As a member of the Fundraising Committee, it is so gratifying to see my efforts have an immediate impact. As a resident of Sandy Hill, I love that Carty House is an organization that helps women in my neighborhood. Since getting involved, I have been amazed by the resilience and strength of the women who turn to Carty House for help. Their stories have inspired me to do more to support them and the organization. I am grateful for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women in my community through my involvement with Carty House.

Because of your generosity, you raised over $8,200 for the Carty House Health and Well-Being fund for our residents!

These gifts will go a long way to supporting important health-related needs that our residents could not otherwise afford like dental work, eye care, mental health, and so much more. THANK YOU!

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Carty House Donor Highlight

ANNE MARIE LEVER

I first heard about Carty House from my daughter who has always wanted to help people in the community who are underrepresented. She helped with Carty House's social media presence and volunteered at a number of your events, and she brought this worthy cause to my attention.

I feel very fortunate and blessed to have been born a Canadian and to have the education and opportunities that I've had. I recognize many are not as fortunate, so it's important to give back. I was giving to the United Way monthly, but felt that my monthly contribution had a more tangible impact when directed, through UW, to Carty House. It's nice to be able to picture exactly where the money is going and who it is impacting.

The bravery and courage of the Carty House residents is an inspiration to me. I don't know that I could be as courageous as they are, if I was in their position. It's very gratifying to be able to help these strong and courageous women; it's a wonderful charity to support.

When is your birthday? The birthday of dear friend? Anniversary? Other special date? Why not ask for donations to Carty House! E-card or mailed cards available! Celebrate w/ generosity!

Congratulations to past resident Justine Nkurunziza!

She received recognition for her outstanding service to the community of Ottawa-Vanier on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, on the celebration of her 70 years of public service to England and the Commonwealth.

Way to go Justine!

Over the last 4 years, Dominion City Brewing **has donated more than $12,000** to support our refugee women at Carty House.
GREAT BEER + GENEROUS BREWERS = THANK YOU!

Carty House Board Highlight

BASIR MOHAMADI

As a newcomer, I am passionate about effectively contributing to my new Canadian community. Therefore, I was so excited to see the call for applications for the Board of Directors of Carty House through Volunteer Ottawa.

I have lived a refugee life and I am in touch with hundreds of refugee women, mostly from Afghanistan, who are now in Canada, USA, UK, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Poland, Pakistan, Iran and Turkey. I can totally understand what it is like to have no option but to flee your hometown, losing your job, leaving behind your dear ones and emotional connections, and facing the new barriers including finding a house, a job and the connections to adjust your life in a new community. When I read about the support that Carty House is providing for female refugees, I thought that it is one of the most noble causes that I genuinely care about and I should wholeheartedly contribute to.

I have experienced the wealth of joy and the pleasure that life can offer through helping the needy ones around the globe and that has given a beautiful meaning to my life. In today's world, similar to the smart brains that contribute to developing our communities, we need generous and kinder hearts to further beautify our world.

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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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