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# Carty House Chronicle

A First Home & Helping Hand for Female Refugees in Ottawa

## 2023 Carty House Annual Appeal



*Thank  
You  
So  
Very  
Much!*



### The numbers are in!

Our 2023 Annual Appeal was an amazing success! We raised over \$23,000 thanks to each one of you. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. You allowed us to "Let Love Grow!" **THANK YOU!**

## 2023 Carty House Party!

After three years of online events, we finally gathered in November at the Orange Art Gallery and had a blast! Thank you to everyone who attended, donated an auction item and/or bid on one, bought a ticket for a resident, or supported us in so many additional ways! Special thanks to Carole Rosine Uwiteka, past resident of Carty House, who shared her reflection and left us all inspired!



Pictured L to R: Amanda Jackson, Community Outreach for MPP Lucille Collard, Louise Ebeltoft, Carty House Manager, Carole Rosine Uwiteka, Speaker and Carty House former resident, Board member Justine Nkurunziza, and Alan Neeff, staff to City Councillor Stephanie Plante.

**Governor General of Canada** @GGCanada · Sep 7  
A beacon of hope for refugee women in need, @CartyHouse is more than just a home—it's a symbol of goodwill.  
  
#GGSimon met with house residents, staff, and volunteers to hear their stories of resilience and hope.



Last fall we were so honoured to welcome Her Excellency, Mary Simon, to Carty House! The residents were thrilled to do a bit of cooking together, stories are always better shared around food. You are most welcome anytime!

## Carty House Is Expanding!



As most of you know, in 2024, Carty House is opening Carty House #2! Stay tuned for more details in the coming months. Thank You!



## Grace Dusabe!

Grace started this week as the Assistant Program Coordinator and will be taking the lead in the areas of resident settlement and support, volunteer coordination, and household management. Welcome Grace!

### Tell us a little bit about yourself!

"I am so passionate about charity work. Ever since I started working 12 years ago, I have worked with NGOs in different countries, and I enjoyed doing the job and have seen different achievements. I have tried for profit institutions recently, and I have found out it is not for me."

### What piqued your interest in working at Carty House?

"I read about Carty House on your website. I was moved by your work through the testimonies from residents/past-residents, especially how they have been able to get settled in Canada, find a job before they moved out to live on their own. I wanted to contribute to this outstanding work and support Carty House to achieve its goals."

## Carty House Resident Reunion!



A good time was had by all at our Resident Reunion! It was so great to reconnect with so many women who have rebuilt their lives in Canada and have called Carty House their first home over the years. We are cheering for you!



Residents, staff, and Board members took part in a Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa build in Kemptville. It was great to give back in the name of safe housing for the vulnerable!

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Residents took a fall day trip to Manotick, Burritts Rapids, and Merrickville! They really enjoyed seeing more of our beautiful Ontario!



One of our current residents was facing a real problem. She needed a root canal, but there was no way she could afford that expense. That is exactly why we invite you to contribute to the Carty House Health and Well-Being Fund!

You are the reason that she is now smiling and pain-free.

A big "Shout-Out" to our friends at Kent Street Dental for taking such good care of us!



## A big THANK YOU to all the organizations, businesses, and foundations that supported Carty House in 2023!

- Amazon
- ANAR Fund
- BWD Dog Walkers
- Canada Helps
- Canadian Martyrs Church
- Catholic Centre for Immigrants
- CBC Ottawa
- CC Stephanie Plante
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- Orange Art Gallery
- Portrait Sure
- Refugee 613
- Refugee Support Assoc. - U of O
- Rose of Tralee Ottawa
- Ottawa Community Foundation
- Ottawa Recreation Sports
- Ottawa Redblacks
- Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild
- Portrait Sure
- Sandy Hill Community Health
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- United Way
- Violets on Main Bakery
- Wilson Independent Grocery
- Zonta Club of Ottawa

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# Carty House Happenings

All kinds of things are happening around the House!

- 1 resident recently moved into permanent housing. We are so excited for her.
- We welcomed a new face to Carty House. She is very grateful to be here, safe and cared for.
- 3 residents received positive refugee hearings. Yey!
- 4 residents updated their resumes with the assistance of staff and are currently job hunting.
- 1 resident got a job at a retirement home – always something to celebrate.
- 1 resident applied for her permanent residence status and now waits in hope.
- 1 resident received her Canadian Citizenship.
- 2 residents completed their driving tests.



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We continue to be so grateful to OTF for their recent grants to Carty House!

- We have new windows, paint, and carpeting in all the common areas.
- Each resident room received a new desk and ergonomic chair.
- We are in the midst of planning for renovated washrooms.
- We are also planning for expansion and reflecting on how we can become even more resilient.
- And shout-out to Carty House City Councillor Stéphanie Plante for helping us celebrate the generosity of OTF.




# Carty House Board Highlight

WUDASSIE TAMRAT



**Why did you decide to join the Carty House Board of Directors?**

I first heard about Carty House through a colleague at my firm. She had been advised that Carty House's Board of Directors was looking to expand, and she reached out to me because she thought I might be a good fit.

Upon hearing about Carty House, I did some research into its mission and purpose as an organization and was immediately intrigued. As an Ethiopian immigrant to Canada, who is deeply involved with the local Ethiopian community in Ottawa, I am very familiar with the challenges faced by recent immigrants and refugees to Canada (particularly those who identify as women). Carty House, therefore, presented a unique opportunity to give back to my community in a way that was deeply personal to me.

**What inspires you about Carty House?**

I am inspired by the resilience and positivity of the residents of Carty House. Despite the challenges they face, their bravery and desire to navigate and succeed in a new and foreign environment will never cease to amaze me. It makes me happy and proud to support our residents in their respective journeys.

**What else would you like to share about yourself?**

I am an active person and avid sports fan, so in looking ahead to future fundraising events for Carty House, I look forward to finding unique and creative ways to leverage those passions to achieve Carty House's goals - perhaps a local volleyball or softball tournament? The possibilities are endless!

Why not start off the year designating Carty House as part of your charitable endeavours! Visit our website to learn how!



Together, our loyal monthly donors raised over \$17,000 in 2023!

It is so vital to know that we can count on these donations each month.

Won't you join the Circle?



## A First Home & Helping Hand for Female Refugees 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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