

The Moving Forward 2015 Foundation

All of us have somehow been touched by domestic violence, being it personal or someone we love or an acquaintance. It is our mission to use our networking skills and fundraising events to educate our community with regards to domestic violence issues. Our growing affiliations with local schools and charitable organizations such as The Caritas Foundation, Yellow Brick House and The York Regional Police Domestic Violence Unit, help provide us with tools to raise such awareness.

The Moving Forward 2015 Foundation is very excited as we launch our Next Step Loan Program. This fund will provide small interest free loans to survivors of domestic violence within the York Region community. Loans can be used to cover such expenses as rent, utilities, furniture and other costs associated with setting up a new home.

Through our campaigns, we have reached out to the various businesses throughout the community in the form of voluntary efforts with staff, equipment to enhance our events, monetary contributions through sponsorship and donations of goods and services for our raffle tables and silent auctions.

We are very grateful for all the support we have received thus far.

A brief history on Moving Forward 2015 Foundation

How did this all start?

It only takes a few people to make a huge difference!

Our first meeting took place in September 2009 when we met with the executive director of the Yellow Brick Shelter. They were looking for more people to get involved with their capital campaigning. We were very inspired and decided that we would launch a new foundation that would not only support Yellow Brick families but would work towards getting more community attention to this growing issue and thus the 'raising awareness' campaign was conceived.

Six weeks later ...Moving Forward 2015 Foundation took its first steps.

Our First Event – November 27th 2009

The community launch party was a huge success as over 50 local businesses supported our efforts by donating either gifts for our raffle table, gift bags and door prizes. Our cocktail party was an excellent way to begin our networking. We were very honoured that our MP, Mr. Mauizio Bevilaqua, joined us and addressed the room with an amazing speech. Other local council members were present during the evening as well. All proceeds were donated directly to the Yellow Brick House shelter. The funds that we donated were used to purchase winter coats and new boots for the families staying at the shelter during the holidays and the balance was used to purchase gift cards for local stores.

Our Second Event – February 28th 2010-07-2010

Moving Forward 2015 Foundation hosted a “Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament”. The event was very successful and all of the proceeds raised that day were used to fulfill the “wish” list from three mom’s that were moving out of the shelter and into their new homes. We were able to purchase thousands of dollars worth of household items to help each family as they begin to rebuild their lives. Our board is very proud that we were able to take less than \$5,000 and provide almost \$14,000.00 worth of merchandise to the families.

Third Event – May 5th 2010

Battle of the Bands! We join up with our Jr. Moving Forward group at St. Joan of Arc high school located in Maple. After months of hard work, five fantastic bands battled it out! Moving Forward assisted the entire event and once again had terrific support from local businesses as we put together a very teen appropriate raffle table. The proceeds from this event were used to support the St. Joan of Arc music program and our foundation. With determination and hard work, we feel that Moving Forward 2015 Foundation can and will make a positive impact by not only raising funds but by promoting awareness programs within the secondary schools

Forth Event – November 4th 2010

As we celebrated our one year anniversary, our foundation was very excited to be launching our “Next Step Loan Program” to service York region. Our evening included a silent auction, live auction and fantastic door prizes. This was a chance for our supporters and residents of York to help us celebrate our first milestone and to join us as we raise the much needed funds to help survivors of domestic violence take the next step. We raised over \$17,000.00 , amazing!



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We are now settled into our new foundation office, located at 8763 Bayview Ave, unit 11. Richmond Hill, Ontario. We can be reached at 289-597-6398.

The office will be open Monday and Tuesday all day and half days on Wednesday and Thursday, as of January 17th 2011. Our volunteer staff will be available to answer any questions or provide more information regarding our loan program.

Thank you