

*Carty House is a transitional home and a community for refugee women in Ottawa.*



# CARTY HOUSE

SUMMER 2012

## **CARTY HOUSE RECEIVES UNITED WAY GRANT**

There is a saying, "good things come to those who wait". This seems to be true for Carty House as we waited to hear if we would be awarded a United Way grant. The good news came in April! With the support and partnership of Catholic Immigration Centre, Carty House received three years of funding from the United Way under its program for combating homelessness.

This funding allows us to offer more systematic individual support to our residents based on an assessment of the needs of each one, and an agreed upon plan of action to help each resident attain her goals. With targeted assistance in accessing educational, health and social services, residents will find it easier to find their way in Ottawa, including finding stable and affordable housing when they leave Carty House.

Carty House and CIC have worked in partnership for many years. Carty House has been a welcome housing choice for refugee women needing stable and secure accommodation when they arrive in Ottawa. With this background, CIC agreed to sponsor the United Way application. "Our new partnership with the United Way allows us to enrich our program and to build partnerships with other likeminded organizations in Ottawa. We hope to build off of it to a more stable future after that funding ends", says Erica See, past Chair of Carty House.

## **WIN A DELIGHTFUL DINNER-FOR-SIX**

PREPARED AND SERVED BY THE WOMEN OF CARTY HOUSE  
A CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

A RAFFLE AT \$10.00 for 3 TICKETS

**ONE WINNER CHOOSES FIVE GUESTS AND THEIR OWN CONVENIENT DINNER DATE**

DRAW ON OCTOBER 21st, 2012

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CARTY HOUSE BOARD MEMBERS  
AND AT THE HOUSE, 580 CHAPEL STREET, OTTAWA

## ***New Carty House Board Chair***

Bernadette O'Neill, known as Bernie to her friends and associates, assumed the chair of the Carty House Board in May 2012.

"I joined the Carty House Board in January 2012 because I believe in the project and want it to continue" says Bernie.



Bernie comes to this position with much experience in teaching and pastoral care. After teaching elementary and middle school in Ottawa, Cornwall and Kingston, Bernie enrolled at Saint Paul University in 1971 studying Theology and Pastoral Ministry attaining a Master of Pastoral Studies.

An internship in Holy Cross Parish in Ottawa led to a staff position there for 5 years, where she ministered to all parishioners and built teams for Pastoral Care in hospitals, Nursing Homes, and private homes. At the invitation of the city, Bernie spearheaded a group of parishioners to partner with the Congregation of Notre Dame to sponsor a family of Cambodian "boat" people who came to Ottawa.

In 1980, Bernie resigned from Holy Cross Parish and returned to Saint Paul to undertake the Theology degree programme (B.Th). She then moved to Red Deer, Alberta and began a ministry in Sacred Heart Parish, carrying out work similar to what she had done in Ottawa.

Fifteen years later Bernie resigned from Sacred Heart Parish and joined the Central Alberta Womens' Immigrant Association where she designed programmes to meet the needs of immigrants coming to Red Deer. At the same time, she volunteered with Central Alberta Refugee Effort.

Bernie returned to Ottawa in 1997 where she trained to become a volunteer with Sylvia House Hospice. Still with that organization, she continues to serve others in their homes, at the Queensway Carleton Hospital, and the day Hospice at Bells Corners United Church. She offers respite care to primary caregivers, transportation to medical appointments for those in palliative care and companionship.

Bernie is a member of the Congregation of Notre Dame, the main partner in support of Carty House. We look forward to a great contribution from Bernie in the years ahead.

## ***VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION***

Heartfelt thanks to the following volunteers who continue to work to improve the lives of our residents:

*Anna Caulfield* - Outdoor Activities Planning

*Karen Fee* - Piano Teacher

*Lorraine Hopkins* - Designer of Carty House pamphlets and cards

*Lorraine Hubbs* - English Tutor

*Margaret Scratch* - English Tutor, Gardener

*Michelle Pierce* - On-call Volunteer

*Oxana Sawka* - English Tutor

## ***CALL FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS***

Carty House is in need of a Treasurer for the Board. The Treasurer works closely with the Bookkeeper, prepares quarterly reports and an Annual budget.

Carty House is also seeking volunteers to participate in a variety of activities in the following areas: English tutoring, skill-sharing & workshop delivery, cultural outings, website design, fundraising & resource development, and construction: maintenance & repairs.

## ***FRIENDS OF CARTY HOUSE***

- *OECTA for their generous donations (Dinner for Six, \$, Computer and Printer) and for their continuing support by connecting us with volunteers and including CH information on their website.*
- *Ottawa Horticultural Society for their lovely work in creating beautiful spaces at Carty House.*
- *IODE Walter Baker Chapter for their continuous donations of much-needed household items.*

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by mail or through  
CanadaHelps.org

Our Registered Charity Number is  
833764293RR001

## ***CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RESIDENTS***

Juliet has graduated from St Nicholas Adult High School. Not only that, she was awarded two scholarships: one for excellence in physical education and the other, for determination and focus in her studies. In September, Juliet will begin the first of three years in the Seneca College Aviation and Flight Technology program in Toronto. This is a major step in her long-term goal of becoming a pilot. If she approaches this challenge in her usual determined and focused way, she is bound to succeed! Good luck Juliet!

Text courtesy of Oxana Sawka, Juliet's English Tutor

*A second resident has successfully completed her Office & Administration program and is busily looking for employment opportunities.*

Two other residents have completed the course work for the Personal Support Worker Program and have begun their practicums in various institutions around the city. Graduates of the program acquire the skills and experience to make a positive impact on the lives of others and find employment in Retirement and Nursing Homes, Group Homes, Hospices, Day Care Centres and Private Homes through Health Care Agencies.

*We would like to extend our congratulations to these residents for their hard work and achievements. We would also like to thank Friends of Carty House whose support has made these achievements possible.*

Finally, we would like to recognize Dative for being the recipient of this year's Cynthia Durance Ottawa Newcomer award from the Zonta Club of Ottawa. This award honours a newcomer who is a single mother, raising a family while working on her own education at any level.

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