

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



CARTY HOUSE

FALL 2015

News from the House



Perhaps you saw Carty House on the front page of the Ottawa Sun just a few weeks ago. The article featured one of our residents, Jeanine Ewet, who arrived from Cameroon in May. She spoke of celebrating her 27th birthday a day earlier with fellow housemates in the large communal kitchen — a favourite gathering spot where Carty House residents not only break bread but also barriers. It's where milestones are marked and dinners are shared nightly from Sunday to Friday. It's where friendships are made, concerns are aired and where much appreciated advice is dished out alongside second helpings. In that way, the Carty House kitchen is no different from Canadian

kitchens from Coast to Coast to Coast. But what's so great about that front page story is that more Ottawa residents now know about Carty House and the good work that we do to help women fleeing war and persecution get established here in Canada.

Over the last 14 years, Carty House has helped more than 100 women from a variety of countries, including Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Cameroon, Rwanda, Uganda, Iraq, Pakistan, Iran, Myanmar, Russia, Haiti, Ethiopia and Eritrea. Their reasons for fleeing are as varied as their cultural backgrounds — civil upheaval, gender-based violence, domestic abuse, and political persecution. Some have had to leave husbands and children behind, but hope to reunite with them eventually. Others are on their own trying to rebuild their lives in a new country. For all these women, Carty House offers a safe first home in Canada, assistance navigating the complex refugee process, English-as-a-second-language training, transportation to refugee hearings in Montreal, an introduction to Canadian living and our health system, and help transitioning to more permanent accommodations.

Unfortunately, it sometimes takes a crisis to galvanize public interest in an issue and there's no doubt the Syrian refugee situation has caught people's attention and thrust refugee matters in general into the spotlight. In fact, the City of Ottawa recently held a forum on refugee resettlement that, according to local media reports, drew some 1,000 concerned Ottawa residents. Carty House was among a number of organizations to attend. We handed out dozens of pamphlets and fielded numerous questions about our organization. We were heartened to see just how much Ottawa residents genuinely care about this issue and want to help. So when the Syrian crisis and the broader plight of refugees fades from the front pages as it inevitably will, remember that Carty House will still be here helping the most vulnerable of newcomers thanks to your continued support and willingness to keep spreading the word about what we do.

September Fundraising Buffet Dinner



What a huge success this evening! On Monday September 21, we were a full house at the Green Door Vegetarian Restaurant on Main St., in Ottawa. Supporters dined on the most delicious buffet in town while 'Grateful We're Not Dead' a great party band played catchy tunes. There was a fabulous Silent Auction table with very competitive bidding. Thanks to all who supported us by buying and selling tickets, donating to the Silent Auction table, or making a donation to the dinner. We would also like to say "thank you!" to the owners, chefs and staff at the Green Door for accommodating us on their 'night off'. We could not have achieved such success without your assistance.

We raised **\$4,937**. All income from the evening will be used to support the residents at Carty House. We value your support.

Board Status Update

At the end of August, the Board accepted the resignation of Donald MacDonald, our long serving and valued Treasurer. Julie MacGarvey, a Certified General Accountant, and Board member for 16 months, is our new Treasurer. We thank Donald for his dedication to Carty House and the many hours he spent during the past six years at the helm of the Finance Committee.

We extend a very warm welcome to four new board members, Caitlin Williams, Josée Samson-Savage, Liz Majic and Tobi Cohen. They bring experience in communications, finance, and fundraising. They are keen and enthusiastic and we look forward to incorporating their skills to enhance the continuing success of Carty House.

Winter is around the corner

As the cooler weather approaches, the residents at Carty House are in need of warmer clothing. They, perhaps more than most of us, will feel the brisk temperatures as they wait for a bus to take them to work or school.

Warm socks, boots, sweaters, jackets or coats, thermal underwear, gloves, mitts, scarves and warm pyjamas, would be most appreciated. For specific sizes or more information please contact the Coordinators, Jackie or Glennie-Ruth, at 613-236-8855.

Many Ways to 'get involved' with Carty House

- **Contribute Financial Donations**
By cheque
Online at CanadaHelps.org
- **Contribute Goods and/or Services**
- **Fundraise**
Join our Fundraising Committee
Host a fundraiser with proceeds going to Carty House
- **Make a legacy gift to Carty House in your will**
For more information go to www.cartyhouse.org
- **Invite us to speak at your church, service club, youth group or school**
Contact the Communications Committee
Communications@cartyhouse.org
- **Support our fundraising events**
- **Volunteer**
Contact the Coordinators (office@cartyhouse.org)

Ride for Refuge 2015

On a blustery October morning 'Team Carty Cares', a team of 10 riders, raised **\$2,160** for Carty House by participating in the 'Ride for Refuge' charity bike ride in Ottawa's west end.

Our sincere thanks to all those who supported our riders and the team.

New Corporate Donor

IntegralIT, an Ottawa Internet Services and Tech Consulting Company, is now providing Carty House with IT services gratis.

We thank John Robinson and his team for this very generous gift.

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