

## Women's Emergency House

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Susan Wilson of Women's Emergency House, Haliburton, holds Model of SIRCH buildings. Cardiff U.C.W. President Ruth Rosenblath and 2 SIRCH Board members from Cardiff, Margje Fults and Sandra Beardsall are with her.

years longer than they should for a number of reasons. They have nowhere to go. They don't want to interrupt their children's schooling. They may have a job to support themselves and their children. Many country people feel lost in a city.

The Women's Emergency House gives these women a local option.

Jude King was project coordinator from October 1993 to September 1994. Now she is training volunteers who will staff the house and provide friendly support. They will know what community services are available and help the women get in touch with them.

The House has 3 bedrooms so that it can accommodate up to 3 women and their children at a time.

The women may stay up to three weeks. This will give them time to make plans for the future. The women must make their own decisions.

Susan Wilson is excited about this project. Rural communities do not qualify for help to maintain shelters so this is

entirely a local community project. She calls it a dream come true. Hundreds of people are contributing time, expertise and goods and services as well as money.

Susan had a model of the buildings on the site. It is part of the complex of 3 buildings where SIRCH has its offices. (SIRCH is an acronym for Supportive Initiatives for Residents of the County of Haliburton).

The property is owned by Steve Bowskill. He is providing the financing for the excavation, basement, and framing. He will then lease the House back to SIRCH for the monthly cost of the mortgage.

In early June the volunteers started to finish the interior.

The organizers are depending on much volunteer work and expertise for 2 reasons. The one is to keep the costs low.

The other reason is to prove to women living in abusive relationships that others - both men and women - do care what happens to them and that they are opposed

to violence against women and children.

The goal is to have the house ready for occupancy in July to coincide with the completion of the 13-week training period for the volunteers that will staff the house.

Susan talked about having the use of a trailer in which they have stored donations of furniture, clothing, quilts and blankets, cutlery.

The Foundation of Friends has been formed to pay for the operating costs of the House. This is a group of people who show their commitment to Women's Emergency House by donating \$60 a year or \$6 a month.

For information about this group or about donating any amount of time, money, or talents, or ideas on how to raise money, call (705) 457-1742.

Once the House is ready it will have a well publicized telephone number. The calls go to a dispatcher who assesses the situation and plans a course of action.

## Poll By Poll in Victoria-Haliburton

POLL	Bradley BRADAMORE Independent	Chris HODGSON Progressive Conservative	Sharon McCRAE Liberal	James B. MEDD Family Coalition Party	Charles OLITO Confederation of Regions	Cathy VAINIO New Democratic Party
Harcourt	3	121	20	1	2	23
Tory Hill	1	99	9	3	1	27
Wilberforce	3	114	21	1	2	21
"	0	96	16	1	0	14
"	2	34	13	1	0	19
Highland Grove	4	77	22	3	3	10
Bicroft	8	88	39	0	1	42
"	12	91	30	4	0	32
"	5	80	23	2	0	23

## Charles & Evonne Hughes Celebrate 25th

Charles and Evonne Hughes, of Wilberforce, celebrated their 25th (Silver) Wedding Anniversary

On March 21st, the actual date of their Anniversary, they went out for a special supper after which Evonne put on her wedding dress. Twenty five years and six children later she can still wear it.

A couple of weeks later friends at the Harcourt Community Chapel recognized this landmark in their lives with a special luncheon.

On April 15 both Charles' and Evonne's families met at the home of Gord and Marilyn Hiscox in Beaverton to mark this special occasion. People gathered from as far away as London and Peterborough. All six of Charles and Evonne's sons were also present.

With the facilities of Fair Havens



Bible Conference grounds, and a beautiful day, an excellent time was had by all.

Charles and Evonne thank God for His faithfulness in the first 25 years of their marriage. They look forward to the challenges and changes of the future.

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