

# 40-YEAR HISTORY

Halton Women's Place became incorporated as a voluntary charitable organization in 1978. Today there are shelters in Milton and Burlington.

In 1977, after the completion of a feasibility study it was indicated there was a need for a shelter for abused women and their children in the region. In November 1978, Halton Women's Place became incorporated as a voluntary charitable organization.

Halton Women's Place opened its doors in Milton in October 1980. In the first two years of operation more than 500 women and children were accommodated and more than 700 crisis calls were received.

A decade later, a feasibility study demonstrated the need for a second shelter to serve the southern part of Halton Region and in January 1994, the Burlington shelter opened. From the day it opened it has been running at near capacity and is now responding to more than 2,500 crisis calls a year. An expansion project at that shelter was completed in December 2002.

The need to replace the original shelter in Milton was met with the opening of a new 20-bed shelter to serve abused women and their dependent children in January 2003.

In addition to shelter, Halton Women's Place operates a Crisis/Information/Support Line that is

available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Callers in crisis or that require support are connected to a Crisis Intervention Counsellor. The counsellor will offer support, counselling, safety planning, information and resources over the phone or at the shelters.

The crisis line can also be used for those seeking to help a friend, colleague, family member or neighbour. There is also a "How to help someone who may be experiencing abuse" section on the website haltonwomensplace.com.

Halton Women's Place offers a public education program to schools throughout the region. The Healthy Relationships = Healthy Communities program provides education related to dating, intimate partner violence, healthy relationships and healthy masculinity.

There are many ways the community can give back and support the shelters, from in-kind donations of goods to corporate sponsorships.

To contact Halton Women's Place South Shelter call 905-332-7892 and for the North Shelter call 905-878-8555.

April 1 2017 - Jan 11, 2018

Halton Women's Place assisted

142 women and 151 children

and received

1,889 crisis calls

From April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017,

Halton Women's Place operated at 109% capacity

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I am moved by the hard work and dedication of Halton Women's Place. The incredible service you provide for women and children in their time of need is truly inspiring. Thank you for 40 amazing years of dedication and service.



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