



United Way
Niagara

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WHY?

The pandemic created ideal conditions for intimate partner violence and abuse to thrive. The stress of a global pandemic, economic recession and upheaval of social supports created the perfect storm for domestic violence to materialize.

Domestic violence has a profound impact on children. Children who witness violence in the home have twice the rate of psychiatric disorders as children from non-violent homes.

**Over 500
women needed
access to safe
housing in 2020**

HOW?

Investing in
24
programs
supporting women
and their families

Helping
3,489
individuals who
experienced abuse

YOUR PART



\$52

Provides a family
in shelter with four
meals.

\$500

Provides
a sexual assault
survivor with wrap
around supports.

\$1,200

Provides seven
nights in an
emergency shelter
for one person or
family.

IMPACT



"I needed a safe place to stay, as I was fleeing abuse and could not go home. There was a space in transitional housing that became available. Since it is not temporary like a shelter, it has allowed me time to settle and rebuild. If I were not involved in this program, my options were either to stay in a shelter or become homeless while waiting for affordable housing.

This program provided me with a safe place to live, where I feel supported and where my family and I can breathe while we re-start our lives free from violence."

- Julie

INVESTMENTS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

Bethlehem Housing and Support Services - Bethlehem Place Support Program, Community Support Program, Kenmore Court Community Support Program
Boys & Girls Club of Niagara - Kid and Teen Zone Nightlight Youth Shelter
The FORT - After School Program, Teen Drop-in Program
Gillian's Place - West Niagara Transitional Housing Child and Youth Worker, Housing and Counselling
Niagara Women's Enterprise Centre - Multi-Sector Training Program: Retail Professional
Port Cares - Community Navigator, Reach Out Food Centre
Strive Niagara - St. Catharines Outreach, Young Moms Outreach
Victim Services Niagara - Mobile Tracking Emergency Response System, Victim Crisis Assistance, Victim Crisis Support Services
West Niagara Palliative Care - Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers
Women's Place of South Niagara - Court Support Program, Emergency Shelter Nova House, Emergency Shelter Serenity House, Volunteer/Public Education Program
YWCA Niagara Region - Safer House, Transitional Supportive Housing, West Niagara Transitional Supportive Housing