

SPRING 2019

YOUR REDWOOD

your gifts at work for women and children

HOORAY FOR SUMMER!

Summer is a wonderful time! And, it is a very busy time at The Redwood. We expect that all 12 bedrooms in our emergency shelter for women and children fleeing abuse will be full — each and every day. We are preparing to have no less than 20 mothers and 45 children live at The Redwood for at least part of the summer.

The children will find safety in our secure building. They will be fed healthy meals.

They will be given pyjamas, a toothbrush, soap and shampoo — the much-needed, basic necessities of life.

But isn't there more that children need to be truly healthy? Yes! All kids need the chance to play, to explore, to have an adventure. In order to thrive, all kids need the chance to have summer fun! And so we are turning to you for help.

WILL YOU HELP CHILDREN FLEEING ABUSE HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER?

As you might guess, many mothers living in the shelter do not have the resources to provide their children with fun summer activities.

Last year, The Redwood's wonderful donors came to the rescue with generous gifts to the SUMMER FUN program. And kids were amazed by the curious creatures at Ripley's Aquarium! They had so much fun at Centreville Theme Park that they were the last to leave! And five brave children went to overnight camp for the first time — they canoed, swam, and gazed at the northern Ontario night sky!

This year, will YOU make summer fun for children with a special gift?



The goal is \$17,000 and here are some of the activities that you can provide for children at the Redwood! **THANK YOU** for your support!

\$50 Thrill a mom and her teen with tickets to a blockbuster movie and yummy snacks!

\$100 Exhilarate kids with rollercoaster rides at Canada's Wonderland!

\$300 Treat all the families to a BBQ party in our courtyard — bring on the ice cream!

\$1,000 Build a child's confidence with a week at overnight camp in northern Ontario!

You can visit our online Safe Haven store for more ways to provide Summer Fun for moms and kids this summer!
theredwood.com

"WOMEN ON THE MOVE"! THANKS TO YOU, WOMEN REBUILD LIVES FREE FROM ABUSE, HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

The Redwood's "Women on the Move" is a practical, year-long leadership program for women who have experienced violence. It is an opportunity for women to look at their strengths, set goals and ask themselves, "Now that I've left the abuse behind, what's next?"

The women participate in workshops to improve their communication and public speaking abilities. Increasing women's financial literacy skills gives them tools to budget and plan for the future. Women attend networking groups to make connections that can lead to employment. Many women who have had their education interrupted by abuse prepare to go back to school.

Thanks to The Redwood's generous donors, "Women on the Move" assists women to create beautiful lives for themselves and for their families – free from abuse, homelessness and poverty.

This year the 10th class of "Women on the Move" will be graduating. We hope YOU will take pride in being a part of this life-changing initiative's evolution:

The "Young Women on the Move" program works with teenagers from across the city to help them develop self-confidence, learn about healthy relationships, and become leaders in their home and school communities, working to end violence against women.



Members of The Redwood's "Young Women on the Move"



Through the "Women on the Move" leadership program, I have seen myself grow from strength to strength. From a fearful, ashamed and timid person to a confident and valuable member of my society. – Sumaya, "Women on the Move" participant



Staff prepare for the Trades and Tech conference



“Women on the Move” attend HVAC training

Last year, The Redwood developed “Women on the Move: Trades and Technology” in response to the urgent need for work that will earn women a living wage and keep them from falling into poverty.

Our Trades and Technology Conference was attended by 160 women who were introduced to lucrative career possibilities through college programs, trade schools and union apprenticeships.

AND ALREADY, WOMEN HAVE BEGUN TRAINING!

Two women are enrolled in carpentry courses at York Construction Academy. Thanks to our partners at the Ontario College of Art and Design, nine women have developed skills working in computer design. And three women are moving toward certification as gas fitter/Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning technicians thanks to our friends at Hi-Mark Occupational Skills Training Centre.

There may be no greater friend to “Women on the Move” than Priscilla Wright, Chair and Director of The Lillian Meighen and Don Wright Foundation, which was founded by her parents.

To recognize the Foundation’s extraordinary support of “Women on the Move” for the last six years, The Redwood was honoured to host a luncheon and naming of the program’s room as The Lillian Meighen and Don Wright Foundation Leadership and Learning Hub for “Women on the Move”. We are grateful to Ms. Wright, Larry Murray, Past Chair of the Foundation, and the twenty amazing graduates of the “Women on the Move” program for being part of a wonderful day!



To be able to help with this important program which just gets better and better, brings great pleasure to all Directors of the Foundation, and fills my heart with gratitude. And to see all those graduates of the “Women on the Move” so happy, so confident, so looking forward to the future, made the success of the program so evident.

– Priscilla Wright, Chair and Director
The Lillian Meighen and Don Wright Foundation

SAVE THE DATE!

Your support of The Redwood inspires us everyday!

Will you please join us at an upcoming Redwood event so that we can thank you in person?



YOU'RE INVITED!
Friday, July 12
5:30-8PM
AN OPEN HOUSE AND BBQ FOR YOU AND OUR OTHER KIND DONORS!

the REDWOOD
SUMMER MIXER

Join friends for

THE REDWOOD SUMMER MIXER

An Open House and BBQ to celebrate you and our other kind donors.

Friday, July 12, 2019, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

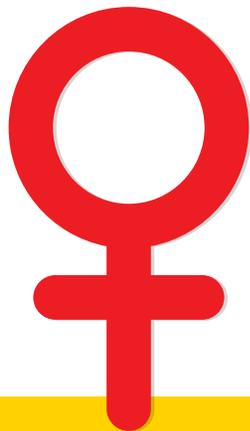
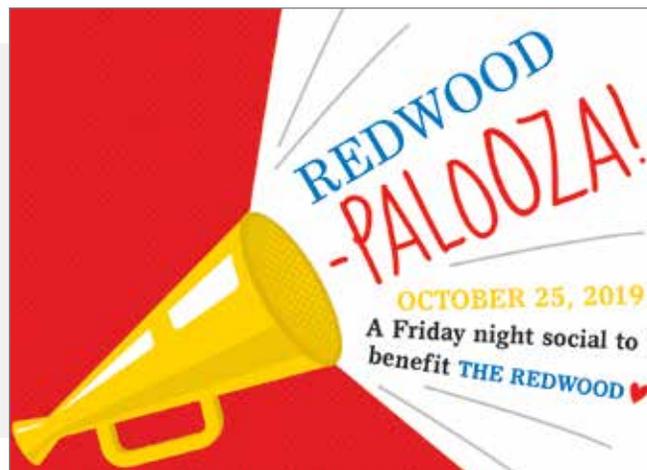
Space is limited so please RSVP to Caitlin FitzGerald at 416-533-9372 X 249 as soon as you can!

Join friends for
REDWOOD-PALOOZA TWO!

A Friday night, come-as-you-are social to benefit women and children at The Redwood.

Friday, October 25, 2019, 6 pm to 9:30 pm

at Roncesvalles United Church
Community Event Space \$50



International Women's Day

Details to come!



Join The Redwood for

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 7:00 pm

The Revue Cinema
Details to come!



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