

It's been another roller-coaster year with the COVID-19 pandemic and the staggering social and economic impacts that have disproportionately affected women. Your loyal support helped Scarborough Women's Centre through these exceptionally topsy-turvy times.

Thank you!

Despite this challenging situation and the suspension of in-person gatherings for most of the past year and a half, Scarborough Women's Centre has been able to continue serving as a resource to the community. We have continued to provide information, guidance, care, compassion, counselling, mentorship, and important referral resources to women in need, all while working remotely.

With the help of our funders and friends like you, we were able to adapt services to provide virtual workshops in order to continue serving women while adhering to the health and safety guidelines required to stay safe during the COVID situation. To sum it up, Scarborough Women's Centre has been able to provide some certainty to our community despite the challenging times. The lives of the women served by the Centre have been impacted in wonderful ways because of you. Many thanks for your generosity!

As you know, [the pandemic continues to magnify existing socio-economic and health inequities in our country](#). And although considerable progress had been made in recent years to increase gender equality around the world, experts, including the United Nations, have sounded the alarm that much of this progress risks coming undone due to the impacts of COVID-19. This is why we need your support today.

[Will you join me in making a meaningful donation of \\$50, \\$100 or whatever you can, to provide flexible funding, so that Scarborough Women's Centre can continue providing vital resources to support women at risk of gender-based violence or women looking to rebuild their lives from tough social situations?](#)

Here in Scarborough, racialized and lower income groups have been disproportionately hit by the more contagious and deadly variants of COVID-19. In addition to health problems, many people living in this area are experiencing loss of income while coping with inflation. The growing poverty and confinement measures of previous months also meant that many women have had to be dependent on abusive partners and suffered domestic abuse.

We continue to rely on loyal supporters like you to help us empower women with brighter futures.

[You may also want to consider signing up for a budget-friendly monthly donation of \\$15 or \\$30](#). During these uncertain times, it's a fantastic way to help build a safe and just

future, by simply making a small gift each month. You'll also help keep our administration and fundraising costs low. Your support is crucial and will allow us to put our mission into practice – to empower the women that we serve. Whether you are a volunteer, donor, or supporter - whichever way you decide to make a contribution today, you will give the Scarborough Women's Centre much-needed resources to help us meet the continuing or emerging needs of marginalized women in our community.

We hope you will consider renewing your commitment with a special 2021 year-end gift to support our work. [**Your donation will make our community stronger, right now and in the months to come.**](#) Thank you for taking action during this moment of unprecedented global uncertainty. You have my word that your decision to help today will empower the women we serve. Thank you for being a part of the community of Scarborough Women's Centre. Please know that every gift matters, especially yours. Together we are able to do so much more.

With hope and respect,
Lynda Kosowan, MSW, RSW
Executive Director

P.S. [**With your special donation of \\$50, \\$100 or whatever you can, we can prevent the widening gender inequality gap today.**](#) Together, we can empower women and build a better community in Scarborough. THANK YOU!