



Dear Friend,

40 years of supporting & empowering women in our community!

Mother's Day is a beautiful celebration. It is a time to reflect and recognize all the women who play special roles in our lives. To honour those women who show us love, support, strength, compassion and resilience in diverse capacities and at various junctures in life. Scarborough Women's Centre is proud to be supporting these wonderful women for the past **40 YEARS!** We feel honoured to play a vital role in making women in our community economically and emotionally stronger for successful futures

[For Mother's Day, help Scarborough Women's Centre by giving a gift to empower the women in our community.](#)

This support became even more essential as the world faced unprecedented times during the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though we were all in some way or another impacted by the pandemic, women were disproportionately affected by the social and economic repercussions. Mandated closures across this province resulted in our community facing an unprecedented amount of unemployment and uncertainty. Because women comprise a higher percentage of low-wage and face-to-face jobs, these layoffs hit women especially hard. The women who continued to work, often found themselves putting their health and the health of their loved ones at risk. For those women working from home, they had to juggle work, childcare, home-schooling, and the effects of isolation all at the same time. Sadly, the Pandemic is not over yet. This is why now, more than ever, women are in greater need of our support.

With support from people like you, Scarborough Women's Centre is adapting and continues to stand firm and serve as a resource to the community. Here is what some of the women had to say about their experience at Scarborough Women's Centre:

"Enlightening and empowering!" - Cassandra*

"Thank you for doing this important work for women. It is priceless and undervalued by society." - Ayoti*

"Having these sessions is comforting." - Mariam*

"I have a young baby at home so having access to the webinar from home meant that I could take care of my baby and attend this workshop." - Iryna*

Our guidance, support, compassion, counselling and mentorship has helped hundreds of women to persevere over the last 2 years. The economic impact and set-backs some women have experienced during this time is expected to continue for many years to come. That is why we are reaching out to you again, because the women in our community need your support.



Because of you, Scarborough Women's Centre has become a reliable resource for community members for the past four decades. On this 40th anniversary, we want to push ourselves to deliver more and do what we do best, but we cannot do it alone.

**Will you help us achieve our goal of raising
\$40,000 for our 40th Anniversary?**

We are asking you to make this Mother's Day special for all the women in our community. Your support is crucial and will allow us to put our mission into practice – to empower the women that we serve.

Please consider making a special anniversary gift to honour the important women in your life.

Your gift will help build the infrastructure at SWC in order to support more workshops, counselling and services for the women in our community. Please help us reach new heights by making this contribution.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lynda Kosowan'.

Lynda Kosowan, MSW, RSW
Executive Director

**Names have been changed in order to preserve the privacy of participants.*