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Rotary Club Toronto West
c/o Jane Botsford

Dear Jane and members,

On behalf of the women and children at Ernestine's, I would like to thank you so much for your most recent gift baskets, chocolate and cookie donations in support of families at the shelter.

We are sincerely grateful for your generous decision to give to the shelter during the Holiday Season especially as your donation comes at a time like this. These are challenging times for all of us and the fact that you decided to give during the pandemic means more than we can express with words! Your support will directly translate into a woman or a family receiving life-saving and life-changing support services today.

Almost two years after the nationwide lockdown, the future remains unpredictable. What isn't unpredictable for us at Ernestine's is that whatever the future has in store for us at the shelter, we can rely on community supporters like you to stand with us in our fight to break the cycle of violence.

With the COVID-19 pandemic impacting everyday life, we thank you for your continued support. The holidays can be a challenging and emotional time and with the help of your support, our counsellors at Ernestine's will strive to make sure that each of our clients feel empowered and supported during this time.

Thanks to donors like you, in the past year, we have been able to **house and support 52 adults and 33 children** in-house in the last year, with their **stay ranging from six months to over a year**. In addition to the 85 women and families staying in-house, we offered lifelines to **269 adults and 355 children within the community through our Outreach Program**, providing desperately-needed services such as group counselling, advocacy engagements, and access to the food bank.

We are extremely fortunate to know that generous donors such as yourself will continue to support us at Ernestine's and the work we do in support of survivors of gender-based violence. Thank you for **Standing Up For Women and Children** and supporting us in our ability to continue to assist all the women and children we support in the shelter and out in the community!

I hope you stay safe and well.

Please connect with us on social media (@ErnestinesWS). [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)

Warmest regards,



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