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THAT GREY COUNTY MARK THE  
NATIONAL DAY OF  
REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION  
ON VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN – **DECEMBER 6, 2019**



# Who We Are

- ▶ We are a community-based, cross-sector committee which works together to improve community response to victims of domestic violence.
- ▶ Founded in 1997
- ▶ 30+ member organizations
- ▶ Membership includes: Police services, Mental Health and Addiction (Social) services, Victim Services, Healthcare partners, M'Wikwedong Friendship Centre, Neyaashiinigmiing and Saugeen Family Well-Being programs, VAW sector, BGCFS, Justice system, Arts organizations, and Community members.



# What We Do

- ▶ Encourage and support collaboration between agencies and organizations working to prevent and respond to gendered violence.
- ▶ Raise public awareness about gendered violence and encourage community participation in violence prevention.
- ▶ Violence Prevention Grey Bruce's work supports the ultimate goal of making our counties a place where all women, children, and people are able to live healthy lives, free from violence.



# How We Work

- ▶ Meetings of the whole four times a year
- ▶ Subcommittee work focused on:
  - ▶ Domestic and Sexual Violence
  - ▶ Anti-Human Trafficking
  - ▶ Elder Abuse
  - ▶ Collaborative Protocols
  - ▶ Public Outreach and Communications



# On Going Projects

- ▶ Anti-Human Trafficking committee
- ▶ 16 Days of Activism campaigns
- ▶ Snapshot 2018
- ▶ Youth Creative Contest: to engage young people in prevention
- ▶ Documentary screenings
- ▶ Supporting Sisters in Spirit events
- ▶ Public outreach through media and social media
- ▶ December 6th commemoration



## Snapshot 2018

Gendered Violence and Social Factors in Grey and Bruce Counties JANUARY – JUNE 2018

- Community Resource Documenting Jan-June 2018
- 339 DV calls over 181 days (1.87 per day)
- 26 VAW crisis and counselling calls per day
- These statistics don't include crisis response and counselling provided by the hospitals or private counselors
- There is a connection between economic insecurity and ability to leave abusive relationships

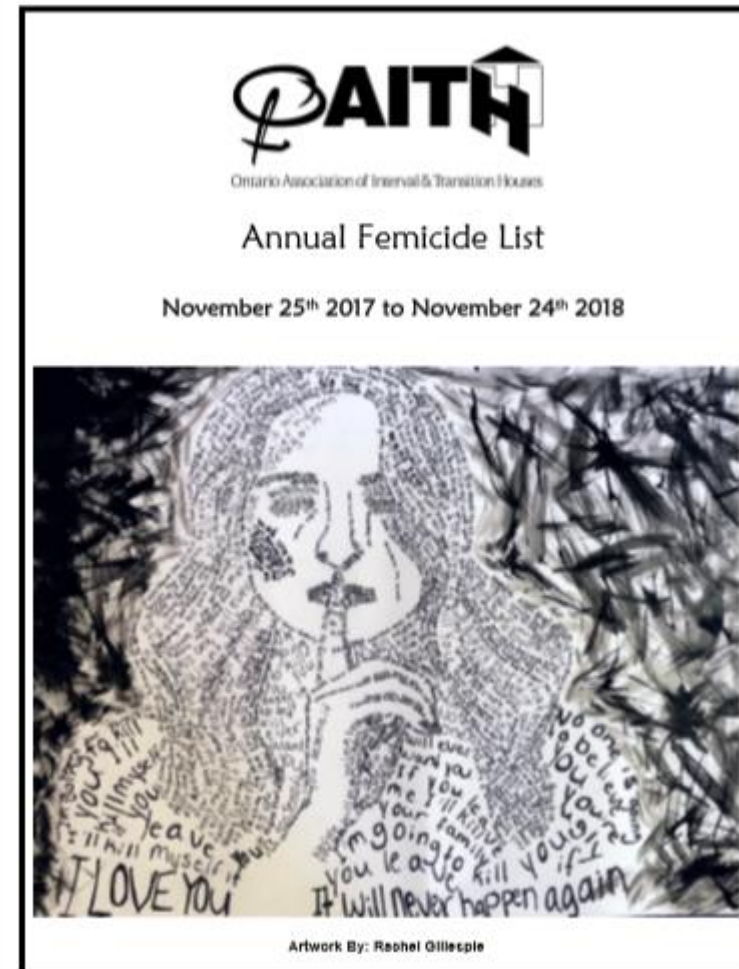
<p><b>POLICING &amp; JUSTICE</b> </p> <p>Police domestic violence (DV) calls <b>339</b></p> <p>Police DV charges <b>133 men</b> <b>38 women</b></p> <p>Police sexual violence (SV) calls <b>17*</b></p> <p>Police Human Trafficking calls <b>3*</b></p> <p>Domestic homicides/femicides <b>1</b></p> <p><small>*OPP charges are not included</small></p>	<p><b>SAFETY &amp; SUPPORTS</b> </p> <p>Women &amp; children in shelter (combined Grey and Bruce) <b>106 (women)</b> <b>36 (children)</b></p> <p>DV offenders completed Partner <b>54 (men)</b></p> <p>Assault Response program <b>6 (women)</b></p> <p>Violence against women (VAW) related calls Victim Services have attended <b>176</b></p>
<p><b>CRISIS &amp; HELPLINES</b> </p> <p>Calls to Women's Shelters <b>4,784</b></p>	<p><b>CHILD WELFARE</b> </p> <p>Total number of Families receiving ongoing services at June 30 <b>390</b></p> <p>CAS cases attributed to domestic/sexual violence <b>70 (18%)</b></p>
<p><b>EMPLOYMENT</b> </p> <p>Unemployment rate as of July 2018 <b>3%</b></p> <p>People on Ontario Works <b>1,949</b> <small>*numbers from Gray Bruce Poverty Task Force households/ month</small></p> <p>People receiving ODSP <b>6,855</b> <small>*numbers from Gray Bruce Poverty Task Force</small></p>	<p><b>WAITLISTS</b> </p> <p>Waitlist for subsidized housing as of June <b>854 Grey</b> <b>420 Bruce</b> <b>1,274</b></p>



# Last year in Ontario

- ▶ 48 women were killed in 2018 in gender-based violence
- ▶ Each year OAITH releases a list of names reported on by the media in Ontario to remember and bring attention to the issue of violence against women.

<http://www.oaith.ca>



# National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

- ▶ December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women in Canada. 2019 marks the 30 year anniversary of the event.
- ▶ Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day marks the anniversary of the murders in 1989 of 14 young women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal.
- ▶ They died because they were women.
- ▶ It is a day of remembrance and a time to take action.



# National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

- ▶ December 6th is a day:
  - ▶ of commemoration of the 14 young women who were murdered.
  - ▶ to reflect on the phenomenon of violence against women in our society.
  - ▶ to consider the women and girls for whom violence is a daily reality, and to remember those who have died as a result of gender-based violence.
  - ▶ for communities to consider concrete actions to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

Maryse Leclair  
Anne-Marie Lemay  
Sonia Pelletier  
Michèle Richard  
Annie St-Arneault  
Annie Turcotte  
Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz

We Remember

Geneviève Bergeron  
Hélène Colgan  
Nathalie Croteau  
Barbara Daigneault  
Anne-Marie Edward  
Maud Haviernick  
Maryse Laganière

# DECEMBER 6 30 YEARS LATER

*On December 6th 1989, 14 women at l'École Polytechnique in Montreal were killed because they were women. Join the vigil to remember as we honour the victims and stand against gendered violence.*



**NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH - 12 NOON TO 1PM  
GEORGIAN COLLEGE 1450 8TH ST E, OWEN SOUND**

**FREE  
PARKING**



THE  
WOMEN'S  
CENTRE  
GREY AND BRUCE INC.



Women's House  
Serving Bruce and Grey



# December 6 is a day the National Flag of Canada is flown at half-mast

The Flag will be flown at half-mast on all federal buildings and establishments in Canada, including the Peace Tower, from sunrise to sunset on the following days:

- ▶ April 28, Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace (Workers' Mourning Day);
- ▶ June 23, National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism;
- ▶ Second Sunday in September, Firefighters' National Memorial Day,
- ▶ Last Sunday in September, Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day,
- ▶ November 11, Remembrance Day,
- ▶ **December 6, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.**

# Request For the County of Grey

- ▶ That the flags be lowered to half mast on December 6th to acknowledge the National Day of Remembrance.
- ▶ If the County would like to mark December 6 in other ways, VPGGB would be pleased to assist in the planning. Contact Jon Farmer by email at [coordinator@violencepreventionongreybruce.com](mailto:coordinator@violencepreventionongreybruce.com)

# Request is Part of VPGB's approach to 16 Days of Activism

- ▶ From 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign is a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world.
- ▶ The international campaign originated in 1991.
- ▶ Supported by the United Nations

# We all have a role to play in ending violence against women

- ▶ *Working together* is the key to preventing and ending violence in all its forms.
- ▶ Everyone has a role to play in ending violence and abuse — and every action counts.
- ▶ Please consider us a resource as you develop and consider policies that may impact the safety of people facing gender-based violence in our communities.



# Thank You

- ▶ We're happy to answer any and all questions.