

***WOMEN'S SHELTER, SECOND STAGE HOUSING
AND COUNSELLING SERVICES OF HURON***

Board of Director's Interest Sheet

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Business/Work _____

E-mail address: _____

Mission Statement

We are a non-profit agency providing shelter, counselling and resources for women who are abused and for their children. We promote women's equality and an end to the abuse of women.

Value Statement

It is a basic human right to live without fear of physical, sexual and/or emotional violence. Therefore, women have the right to personal dignity, respect for their diverse individual, cultural, and group identities; freedom from fear, and freedom from physical or psychological control. Women have the right to personal autonomy in making decisions, in making choices affecting their lives, and in accepting the responsibility for their own decisions.

With these values in mind, it is the objectives of Women's Shelter, Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services of Huron to provide the following services to WOMEN and their CHILDREN:

- 1) A safe and secure refuge in a nonjudgmental setting;**
- 2) Counselling, advocacy and/or referrals to services in the community;**
- 3) Emotional support in a period of personal and social change.**

Women's Shelter, Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services of Huron provides to the community:

- 1) Information and education to promote awareness of the problem of abuse of women and its effects on children;**
- 2) Involvement in efforts that strive toward prevention and elimination of the emotional, sexual and/or physical abuse of women;**
- 3) Information and education to promote women's equality.**

- 1) Please review the Mission Statement, Values and Objectives outlined on page 1. These uphold our woman centered philosophy. Do you believe you could support the Mission Statement and further its objectives?

- 2) Why would you like to be involved with the Board of Directors of Women's Shelter, Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services of Huron?

- 3) If any, what committee or community board experience do you have?

- 4) What professional or personal skills/experience do you have to offer the Board that would assist our work?

5) Please check the committee(s) you would be interested in serving on:

Finance _____

Fund Raising _____

Nominations _____

Personnel _____

Property _____

Public Relations _____

6) (a) In addition to 1-2 hour(s) monthly Board meeting, how much time would you be able to offer to committee work?

(b) Currently Board Members commit for a three (3) year term. Would this be a realistic commitment for you?

Yes _____ No _____

7) It is the policy of the Board that members cannot be involved in paid employment, or an active client of Women's Shelter, Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services of Huron as a current resident, women and children; any woman or child using any form of service, including crisis calls or visits, casual phone calls or visits; and participants in any programs or activities offered by Women's Shelter, Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services of Huron. This policy also extends to the partners of the women who use our service and their children. A woman and her children would no longer be considered clients of Women's Shelter, Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services of Huron if there had been no contact with the organization, formal or informal, for twelve (12) months. Does this policy apply to you?

Yes _____ No _____

8) Do you have any further comments or questions?

Thank you for taking the time to tell us about yourself.

Please return this interest sheet to:

The Nominations Committee,
Women's Shelter, Second Stage Housing
and Counselling Services of Huron,
P.O. Box 334,
Goderich, Ontario
N7A 4C6

OR

Give to a current Board Member, in an envelope marked Nominations Committee.

Thank you for your interest in Women's Shelter, Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services of Huron.

Nominations Committee

**Women's Shelter, Second Stage Housing
and Counselling Services of Huron**
Expectations of Members of the Board of Directors

** Understand the issues around violence against women*

It is important that Board Members understand the issues and update themselves about work going on in the field.

** Work actively to advocate for and promote the Mission of Women's Shelter, Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services of Huron*

Board Members do this in many different ways according to their own preferred ways of working and advocating.

** Membership requirement By-Law #1, #24*

Qualifications For Board Members

(a) To be nominated to stand for election to the Board of Directors, a person must be a member in good standing for a period of at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

A member in good standing must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- support the purposes and objects of the Corporation
- pay the annual membership fee of \$10.00 or pay/donate an amount equal to the general membership fees for five (5) years (which constitutes a Life Membership)

(b) No person who has utilized the services of the Corporation or has served as an employee of the Corporation, within the previous twelve (12) months, shall be eligible to act as a Director.

(c) Each Director shall be a voting Member for at least sixty (60) days prior to becoming a Director.

(d) No undischarged bankrupt person shall become a Director.

(e) The agency welcomes most men and women to serve on our Board.

** Attend Board Meetings*

Board Meetings are held once a month at 7:00 p.m. on the second (2nd) Wednesday of the month, (with the exception of August). Meetings usually last about 1-2 hour(s).

** Attend the Annual General Meeting and Staff Appreciation Dinner*

The Annual General Meeting is held in June each year and takes the place of the Board of Directors Meeting for that month. The Staff Appreciation Dinner takes place immediately after the meeting and is the occasion when the Board honour the staff for all the work that they do during the year.

** Serve on a Committee*

All Board Members are expected to serve on at least one Standing Committee of the Board. The Committees are as follows:

Fund Raising
Finance
Nominations
Personnel
Property
Public Relations

Our By-Law states that the Chair of a Committee must be a Board Member. Non Board Members can serve on committees. Committees meet once a month, or as required, between regular Board Meetings.

** Take part in fund raising events*

Participation in fund raising events can be done in any number of ways according to the preference of the Board Member. Some of the ways Board Members have participated in the past are:

selling tickets
soliciting donations
planning for events
suggesting ideas for events
staffing events
following up with thank you notes and letters
phoning
sharing talents and interests, i.e.; food preparation, sewing