

Toronto Rape Crisis Centre / Multicultural Women Against Rape



The Collective Board and Staff of the TRCC / MWAR would like to express our gratitude to you for your patience and support throughout the renovations.

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit us and see our space, please do so. We now boast new floors, newly repainted walls, new bathroom sinks and faucets and a fully functioning kitchen with a brand new stove and refrigerator.

Feel free to stop by or to attend some of the many upcoming events here at the centre.

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Upcoming and Ongoing at TRCC / MWAR

Crisis Line Volunteer Training

The Spring 2012 Volunteer Orientation will be held on Wednesday April 4th from 6pm—9pm here at the centre.

As always we need volunteers to help out with the trainings in various capacity. The training dates will be finalized and email out shortly.

If you are interested in helping out contact Karlene at 416-597-1171 ext. 223 or trcc@web.net

Counsellors Meeting

All counselors who are currently on the crisis line are invited to attend our next meeting on Monday March 26th 2012.

Location: 17 Phoebe Street

Time: 6pm

Theme: Working with male survivors of sexual violence

If you haven't yet, please confirm using the meeting wizard emailed to you a few weeks ago. It will be resent shortly.

Free Training for Centre Members

Free one day CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automated external Defibrillation) training at the centre on Friday March 23rd from 9:00am—5:00pm

There are limited spots available so its on a first come first serve basis

Please RSVP to Cynamin at fmc@trccmwar.ca by Friday March 16th 2012 before 4pm.



St. John Ambulance

SAVING LIVES
at work, home and play

We Need You—Bowlathon 2012

Dust off your shirts and get ready to bowl!!

We're heading into the last week before our biggest fundraiser event - *Bowlathon on Saturday March 17th* -

If you think you can't bowl because you don't have a team - you're wrong!! You can collect pledges as an individual and we can set you up with a team. There are many centre members doing this and it's going to be a blast!!!

Let us know if you can help out by collecting pledges and bowling or if you have a contact we can ask to sponsor a lane for \$300+.

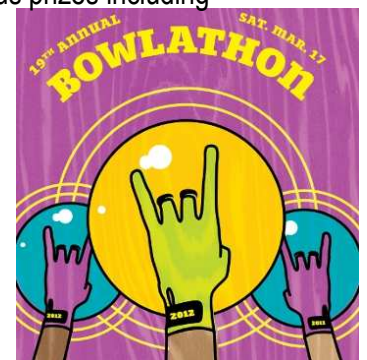
Thanks everyone for your support and we'll see some of you on March 17th.

Contact Celia at 416-597-1171 ext 233 to register your team and for an opportunity to win fabulous prizes including

- Return airfare for two any where WestJet flies (Except charters)
- Return airfare for two with Porter Airlines
- Yamaha Musical Keyboard
- Overnight stays in some of Toronto's finest hotels and spas
- Gift certificates to restaurants, bars, steakhouses and pubs

We look forward to seeing you at bowlathon...Shifts available at 7pm

See next page for silent auction items



Upcoming and Ongoing at TRCC / MWAR

African Ancestry Women's Caucus

Come join us and be a part of the **Rebirth** and **Rejuvenation** of this **Radical** yet **Relaxing** movement as we begin our bigger discussions about the issues that affect us as black women and the celebration of our African Heritage. Please RSVP with Tonia via email at clschedule@trccmwar.ca or phone 416-597-1171 ext.229 or Claudette at 416-597-1171 ext. 226

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“Usually when people talk about the “strength” of black women...they ignore the reality that to be strong in the face of oppression is not the same as overcoming oppression, that endurance is not to be confused with transformation”. **Bell Hooks**

Save the date

Maggies Movie Night
March 21st
6:00pm
More information to follow

Front Desk Training

Interested in volunteering at our information desk?
Contact Karlene at 416-597-1171 ext. 223

Training is on Thursday March 22nd at 11:00am

May is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Interested in being a part of planning a political action?
Contact Karlene or Tonia at 416-597-1171 ext. 223 or 229

Call us with your ideas and suggestions

Student Placement Orientation

Wednesday March 14th 6:00 pm—8:00pm
Looking for a student placement for
Summer / fall of 2012?

Contact deb at 416-597-1171 ext. 230



In 1993, [Maya Angelou](#) recited her poem "On the Pulse of Morning" at President Bill Clinton's Inauguration.

She was the first poet to do an inaugural recitation since Robert Frost spoke for President John F Kennedy in 1961.

Answers to quiz on page 8

1. C 2.B 3. True 4. A 5.A. 6. False (See link below for detailed explanations)

<http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/dates/iwd-jif/questions-eng.html>

You are invited to join us as we screen the "true story of the border town in Juarez, Mexico where since the mid-90's thousands of women have gone missing or turned up sun burnt corpses in the desert".

Join us for a screening of **Backyard**



The true story of the border town of Juarez, Mexico where since the mid-90's thousands of women have gone missing or turned up as sun-burnt corpses in the desert.

Film will be followed by a discussion

Saturday March 24th 2012 at 5:00pm

17 Phoebe Street (Queen & Spadina)

No one will be turned away for lack of funds

Monies raised will benefit the

**Toronto Rape Crisis Centre /
Multicultural Women Against Rape**

To RSVP call 416-597-1171 ext. 229

In recognition of International Women's Day

\$ 5.00
(Sliding scale
available)

**Light
Refreshment
on sale**

There will be a \$5.00 entrance fee at the door. Sliding scale available and no one will be turned away for lack of funds. There will also be light refreshments and baked goods on sale. We look forward to your continued support. **RSVP with Tonia at 416-597-1171 ext. 229**

TRCC's Crisis Line Volunteer Sotiera Hartop was awarded Young Women of Distinction. Congratulations Soteira. We are proud of you!

www.womenofdistinction.ca

2012 YWCA WOMEN OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENTS



**SOTEIRA
HORTOP**
Young Woman
of Distinction

Driven by a passion to make a tangible difference in the lives of women and girls, Soteira Hortop has already made outstanding contributions, despite being only 25 years old.

Soteira graduated from Queen's University, where she was awarded a scholarship for her positive role in the life of the university and the Kingston community. An avid volunteer, she has worked with the Sexual Assault Centre Kingston, the Kingston Interval House women's shelter, Canada World Youth and the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre.

With a degree in sociology and women's studies, she went on to receive a Bachelor's of Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. Soteira now teaches at The Linden School, where its girl-centered education empowers young women to become global and local change makers.

"I want to help girls develop into strong, confident women. That work needs to start at a young age," says Soteira. "Incredible things happen when girls recognize the significance and power of their own voice".

Prior to teaching at Linden, Soteira worked with Peacebuilders International, a restorative justice organization dedicated to improving access to justice for youth. While working at Peacebuilders, Soteira's tremendous capacity to empower and inspire youth to become community leaders became apparent.

Now at The Linden School, Soteira organizes workshops for senior students on intimate partner violence and healthy relationships and a speakers' series to foster girls' leadership. She also continues to volunteer with Peacebuilders where she works with young offenders using the Aboriginal Peacemaking Circle.

Soteira's feminist values and activism are planting seeds of feminist change among young women.


YWCA WOMEN OF
DISTINCTION AWARDS



PRESENTED BY



**African Ancestry Women Caucus
Toronto Rape Crisis Centre /
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invites**

**People of all genders
from racialized communities
for a day of discussion,
celebration and solidarity**

WHEN: Sat., April 28th

WHERE: 17 Phoebe Street

TIMES:

1pm – 4pm (Black women and Youths ONLY)

Film followed by youth and adult discussions

**5pm onwards (all people of colour, indigenous
folks and allies)**

- Inviting the Ancestors
- Keynote
- Drumming and dancing
- Theatre performance
followed by a discussion
- Dancing, games and music into the
evening as we celebrate our heritage.

Light refreshments and dinner
will be provided

Child care and TTC tokens
available

For further information
and to RSVP please
call **416-597-1171**
ext 226 or ext 229

**CELEBRATING
AFRICAN HERITAGE**



International Women's Day Message

Support women by addressing the gun registry at your event!

- **Read the below paragraph about the gun registry at your International Women's Day event**
- **Distribute print copies of the below paragraph about the gun registry at your International Women's Day event**
- ***It's an outrage L! Together, we can make a difference!***

International Women's Day is an opportunity to celebrate the social, political and economic achievements of women, and also to promote an understanding of the challenges still faced by women today. This includes talking about women and violence, and the continued fight to preserve women's right to safety.

Yet today, on International Women's Day 2012, BILL C-19, AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL CODE AND THE FIREARMS ACT, INCLUDING ENDING THE LONG-GUN REGISTRY IN CANADA, will receive Second Reading vote from Senate. This means we are one step closer to a Canada without a gun registry.

Bill C-19 and the gun registry is not just a political talking point or policy position. It will have profound impacts on women -- in particular women living with or leaving domestic violence.

Bill C-19 will make it much easier for dangerous individuals and criminals to purchase firearms, including those banned from owning a weapon by a prohibition order, such as someone charged with domestic violence.

Almost every region in Ontario, rural or urban, includes screening for access to firearms in their assessment of women's safety in domestic violence investigations. With the registry scrapped, these firearms will become invisible.

The facts related to women, firearms and domestic violence have been regularly diminished throughout the recent federal deliberation of the long-gun registry. Now, with the federal decision nigh, any discussion of women's experiences of gun violence are totally absent.

It is an offense to all women to learn that Bill C-19 has grown ever closer to reality on International Women's Day! We ask you and others to actively challenge the federal government's intention to limit debate on the subject of the registry in its next steps. This topic requires debate, as public opinion across provinces and demographics is clearly not unanimous -- and clearly affects women differently than men.

For more information, contact...

Coalition for Gun Control: 416-604-0209

Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres: 905-299-4428

Did you know?

There's a lot to know about Canada's rural, remote and Northern communities and the women who live in them.

Take this quiz to learn some interesting facts.

1. **Approximately what percentage of Canadians live in urban areas?**

- a. 40%
- b. 60%
- C. 80%

2. **How many communities are there in Canada?**

- a. approximately 1,500
- b. approximately 5,500
- C. approximately 9,400

3. **True of False:**

Canada's theme for International Women's Day 2012 relates to the theme for the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

4. **The number of women in rural, remote and Northern Canada with certificates, diplomas or degrees is:**

- a. greater than the number of men
- less than the number of men

5. **What percentage of Canadian Aboriginal women live in rural, remote or Northern areas?**

- a. 46
- b. 68
- c. 92

6. **True or False:**

Women in rural Canada experience greater seasonality in their work than rural men.

Answers on page 3

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