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Women's Place hosts WAVE Event at Seaway Mall

WELLAND, ON, Oct. 10 2019 – Women's Place of South Niagara invites women, men, youth and children to participate in their WAVE Walk for Women's Place. By registering to "Join the WAVE", participants will be raising crucial funds and awareness in support of women and children experiencing domestic violence in our community.

WHO : Walkers of all ages, genders, and abilities from across the Niagara Region are encouraged to take part.

WHAT: **Join the WAVE** (Walk Against Violence Everyone) is a five kilometer, beach party themed walk through the halls of the Seaway Mall. Walkers are encouraged to dress in beach attire and participate in beach-themed activities as they complete each of the five laps of the mall. Highlights include:

- Live music will be provided once again by the Dealerz Choice and ukulele students from Fitch Street Public School
- Pat Porter, from 91.7 Giant FM, will return to emcee this year's event
- Peggy Thompson, will share her story as a survivor of domestic violence and why women's shelters are important in our community
- Walker "warm-up" by W2 Dance Studio

There is no registration fee, but walkers are asked to meet minimum fundraising requirements in order to participate (\$60 – adults, \$20 – youth, free-children 10 and under).

WHEN: The walk will start at 9 a.m. on November 2, with check-in starting at 8 a.m. Walkers are asked to pre-register before November 1 at <https://womensplacesn.akaraisin.com/JointheWAVE2019>

WHERE: Seaway Mall, 800 Niagara St, Welland, Ontario (Ernie Allen Court)

WHY: Women's Place hopes to raise at least \$22,000 in support of shelter and support services in Welland (Serenity Place) and Niagara Falls (Nova House). In recent years, the

need for shelter services has been increasing year over year. Last year, the agency received nearly 2988 calls on their support lines, an increase of 430 over the previous year.

Questions regarding the event or Women's Place should be directed to Amanda Braet, Development Director, at (905) 356-3933 ext. 240, Amanda@wpsn.ca. Further information about Women's Place and this event can also be found on the Women's Place website at www.womensplacesn.org.

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