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STAMFORD LANE UNITED WALK TO RAISE \$9,300 IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S PLACE EXPANSION

NIAGARA FALLS, ON, February 7, 2022 – This weekend, a small but determined group of walkers from Stamford Lane United Church will be tying up their walking shoes (or boots!) in their efforts to sponsor one of the new bedrooms in Women's Place's newly expanded shelter. The larger facility, which will open its doors this spring, will provide 10 additional emergency shelter beds for women and children experiencing abuse to help meet the growing need for domestic violence services in South Niagara.

Who: Stamford Lane United Church, a supporter of Women's Place for many decades, has invited its members to take part in this fundraising event, asking each participant to walk at least 5 kilometers. (Organizer, Alastair Davis, plans to walk 20 km!) With only 6 "teams" and 11 participants involved, these incredible fundraisers have already raised \$8,758 of their \$9,300 goal.

What: To support social distancing, each walker or team will participate by choosing their own route. They are raising funds online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/womens-place-of-south-niagara-inc/p2p/StamfordLane/> The money raised will be used to purchase bedroom furnishings, which will support Women's Place clients for many years to come.

When: Most participants will complete their walk on the weekend of February 12. Donations will be accepted until February 28.

Where: Various

Why: In recent years, women's shelters have seen the demand for services soar because of domestic violence that has escalated both in frequency and severity, a problem that has intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a church with a strong community focus, Stamford Lane United has supported Women's Place in a number of ways during the pandemic, including the sharing proceeds from a pancake breakfast and from their annual garage sale. The walk is another way that they that they working to make our community safer for women and children.

Questions related to this event can be directed to Alastair Davis, Chair Mission Committee, Stamford Lane United Church at 905-641-5925 or alastairdavis9@gmail.com.

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