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Victoria Women's Transition House 50th Anniversary

Victoria BC – Victoria Women's Transition House (VWTH) commemorates a significant milestone in 2024. This year marks and honours 50 years of offering essential support that provides safety and care for women, individuals identifying as women, non-binary individuals, and their children who are affected by intimate partner violence.

To celebrate, VWTH will host a fundraising Gala, ***Glow!***, on **Saturday, May 4, 2024** at the **Delta Hotels by Marriott Victoria, Ocean Pointe Resort**. Hosted by CHEK News' **Tess Van Straaten**, the evening includes a welcome reception, delicious buffet dinner, dazzling fashion show, silent and live auctions, a fund-a-need segment, gala photo booth and a lucky raffle. Bring your dancing shoes as we will "dance down the decades" with **DJ Skylar J**. Tickets are \$150 each (tax receipt for portion) with options to purchase Group Tables (10 seats) and Corporate Tables (10 seats with additional goodies). The event is proudly presented by **RBC Wealth Management Dominion Securities** and **Tulipe Noire Clothing**.

Proceeds from ***Glow!*** will support services at the emergency shelter, the housing program, counselling services and various community-based support programs. Tickets and Tables for the event are available for purchase at transitionhouse.net/gala. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

The anniversary festivities will extend into the fall with an **Alumni Event** paying tribute to and expressing gratitude towards current and former staff, board members, volunteers, and key donors and supporters. This event will also serve as a commemoration of 50 years of steadfast support for women and their children affected by gender-based violence. Attendees can look forward to sharing memories and appreciating the dedication of all those who have played a role in VWTH's journey to its current standing. Stay tuned to our website for further details.

Also, in VWTH's 50th year, is the inauguration of a second-stage short- and long-term **transitional housing program in the Westshore** opening in the autumn of 2024. The project, funded by BC Housing and managed by VWTH, will comprise of studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom units for women and children seeking safety from violence. Some units will be designated as pet-friendly. The on-site support services and access to VWTH's complete range of programs will further enhance participants' well-being and empowerment.

About Victoria Women's Transition House: Established in 1974, the VWTH Society has evolved from a modest collective managing a women's drop-in and resource centre to a prominent organization with five facilities, a workforce of over 70 staff members, and a volunteer cohort up to 70 individuals. Annually, VWTH assists over 2,000 women as well as hundreds of children and youth.

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