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NATIVE WOMEN'S CENTRE Anniversary in Recognition of 40 years' service and programming

The Native Women's Centre celebrates 40 years of community service and programming that assist women and women with children in the Hamilton area that are fleeing from violence through empowering our Native families, identifying their needs, advocating on their behalf and establishing programs and services that meet their needs.

"WE CARE WE SHARE" celebrating our motto with entertainment, success stories, silent auction and more on Tuesday November 15th.

As cited, Scrim's summary of literature "shows that Aboriginal women consistently report a rate of partner violence much higher than their non-Aboriginal counterparts... 13 percent greater risk of victimization for non-Aboriginal women, the associated risk for Aboriginal women is 217 percent higher (Brownridge 2008)." The higher rates of violence is "nearly one-quarter (24%) of Aboriginal women in Canada reported having been assaulted by a current or former spouse, compared to the 7% of non-Aboriginal women...as high as 90% in some Aboriginal communities (Ontario Native Women's Association 2007)."

The Native Women's Centre provides safe, emergency shelter for all women regardless of age, ancestry, culture, place of origin with or without children who are experiencing crisis in their lives due to family violence, homelessness or conflict with the law.

The Native Women's Centre was founded in 1976 by the Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter of Native Women Incorporated. The Native Women's Centre is a non-profit organization and is a registered charity governed by a seven member volunteers Board of Directors. As a chapter and satellite location of the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) hosts the Aboriginal Health Babies Healthy Children Program with two workers servicing the Hamilton community.

To learn more about the Native Women's Centre please visit:
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