



APRIL 2011

Every Donation Helps

Our third annual Fashion With Passion gala benefitting WIN's Self-Sufficiency Program is just around the corner! We are still appealing to the community for unique and valuable items to include in the evening's silent auction. You can also support the event through cash donations to the Self Sufficiency Program. If you would like to contribute, call 250-480-4006 ext 204 or email lexi@wincooperative.ca. All contributions are greatly appreciated and recognized as stated below. And remember – every bit helps!

Silver Sponsors:

Any Contribution up to \$1,000 results in your/your business' name in the event program, on our website, and in our newsletter, as well as recognition on a display placed at WIN.

Gold Sponsors:

Any Contribution from \$1,000 - \$5,000 results in your/your business' name and logo in the event program, on our website with a link, in our newsletter and a special mention during the event and on a display placed at WIN.

Two Decades of Support

20 Years ago this month, three women gathered around a kitchen table to map out how they could be of support to other women leaving abusive relationships, and WIN was formed. Thanks to the generosity of the community and countless hours of hard work and dedication on the part of WIN's many volunteers and staff we are offering more support than ever and addressing a wider spectrum of needs, providing more than \$100,000 worth of support to local women last year. Stay tuned for more information on how we plan to honour this milestone!

Breast Friends Garage Sale April 30th

Join us on April 30th as we help out the 2000 block of Avondale Road with their massive multi-family garage sale. This event will benefit Team Breast Friends so that they can participate in the Ride to Conquer Cancer, a two day journey from Vancouver to Seattle to raise money for the BC Cancer Foundation. For more information or to donate, contact Brooke Miller at 250-592-9411 or brookemiller@shaw.ca.

Time for a new pair of shoes

The Bay Centre is working alongside WIN this year to give you a chance to win new shoes! Simply bring in a pair of your gently-used shoes to the Bay's customer service desk (located on the lower level) and enter to win a new pair of shoes every month for one year! For more information, see www.thebaycentre.ca.

Online auctions are another way to get a great deal while supporting WIN

Last month we held an online auction at www.gobid.ca as part of preparation for the Fashion With Passion gala. A new round of unique and exciting auction items is available now, such as this Edwardian Chester ring, featuring a garnet-topped doublet, rose cut diamonds, and 9k gold, appraised at \$175 with bidding starting at \$40. Don't miss this opportunity to get a great deal while supporting WIN!



Volunteer Appreciation Week 2011

We appreciate our volunteers every single day, because without them we would definitely not be able to do the work that we do. April 10-16 in particular, we were proud to observe National Volunteer Appreciation Week. WIN volunteers contribute an average of 500 work hours every month in retail, production (donation centers) and administration, and they are truly the backbone of our organization. We cannot thank them enough!

For more information about volunteering at WIN, contact Michelle B. Young at 250-480-4006 ext 205, email volunteer@womeninneed.ca or [visit us online](#)

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