



Zonta Club of Oakville Fundraiser Winter Elegance to help Halton Women Victims of domestic violence

Oakville....The Zonta Club of Oakville was delighted to host their first annual “*Winter Elegance Fundraiser*” brunch on November 18, 2007 at the Burlington Convention Centre. The event successfully raised much needed funds for an entire rehabilitation program for Halton Women Victims of Domestic Violence.

“On behalf of all of our members, Zonta Oakville thanks each and every person who contributed to *Winter Elegance*. I am pleased to announce that this event superseded our goals and Zonta will be making a healthy contribution towards the rehabilitation program for women and their children fleeing unsafe and unhealthy environments. Zonta believes that violence perpetrated by anyone should not be tolerated,” says Zonta President Cherie Duvall.

The fun began with a sumptuous brunch while enjoying Oakville’s Fire Fighters strut their stuff, in the finest fashions sponsored by Jonathan Quinn Menswear of downtown Oakville. Following these charming firemen, celebrity designer Kimberley Seldon, chatted up design to over 250 attendees. Seldon, the decorating designer of Style at Home Magazine and a regular guest of the television show City Line, inspired all for the 2007 Holiday Season and walked away with the highest bid for the Live Auction of the Oakville Fire-Fighters.

A special part of *Winter Elegance* was the Christmas Wreath Competition, and the Zonta Club thanks all designers who donated their time and limitless creativity towards this event.

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Winter Elegance closed the afternoon brunch with a silent and live auction, and a panel of home décor experts, who gave special tips on design and décor.

“I am truly thankful for everyone who was part of the Winter Elegance fundraiser, as Halton Women’s Place services over 700 women. Our need is serious and huge. Every dollar counts, as our program literally helps women start from the bottom-up” says Zonta President Cherie Duvall.

Thanks to all attendees who helped to raise funds for Halton Women Victims of Domestic Violence rehabilitation program.

The partnering agencies that will facilitate the program are The Assaulted Women’s Helpline, Halton Women’s Place, and Home Suite Hope. This project will include all aspects of attaining a safe and self-sufficient life; from the initial crisis call for help, to a plan of action for short-term and long-term accommodations and the much needed on-going guidance, counseling, and family services.

The Zonta Club of Oakville is deeply appreciative of all their sponsors who supported the event: Church & Dwight Canada Corp., Rosewater Spa, Brentwood Classics, Paragon DPI Mississauga, Bulldog Entertainment, Cherish Photography, Carpet One (Kerr Street), Joanne Watson Interiors by Decorating Den, Fasada, Dreamscreens, Celestial Interiors, Decluttering.ca, Ronell Interiors, Watts Current, Jonathan Quinn and 680 News.

The Master of Ceremonies for the event were: David La Fame, a well known comedian and Steve Ilott (decluttering.ca) Toastmaster extraordinaire.

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