



Friends of Rowan House Newsletter

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A Place to Grow... A Place to Go



Hope Healing Gala

Join us for an evening of fantastic entertainment & great food all in support of Rowan House. The evening includes a chance for one lucky supporter to take home the "Our Hope" 0.33 carat princess cut diamond from Sarini Fine Jewelers in Vulcan. The evening features entertainment "From Motown To Memphis" Vegas Show with Toshi Jackson & The Silhouettes and Elvis will be in the house with award winning Larry Ray!

Come support the dream to build Rowan House Emergency Shelter for our Foothills community.

Presented in part by



Saturday, May 14th, 2011

Highwood Memorial Centre in High River
Cocktails 5:30 PM • Dinner 6:30 PM • Entertainment
Silent Auction • Live Auction with "Bearcat" Murray

Tickets: 403-938-6785

email us at info@rowanhouseonline.org

Tickets \$200 or \$1400 for a table of 8

Available at Cottonwood Bridal & Formals in High River

Hope & Healing Gala 2011

Rowan House's 2011 Hope and Healing Gala is set to take place on May 14th at the Highwood Memorial Centre in High River. Mark your calendars and tell all your friends!

Our gala committee is hard at work and planning for this event is well underway.

Here's a small taste of what you can look forward to:

Toshi Jackson & the Silhouettes are a true tribute to Diana Ross & The Supremes. Their "From Mo-Town to Moo-Town" show takes the audience on a musical journey everywhere from The Supremes to The Dixie Chicks. Through great musical arrangement and choreography, audiences find themselves grooving, dancing, and singing along to Motown, classic rock, country, rhythm and blues, soul, funk, pop, and everything in between.

Larry Ray has been performing Elvis' hits for 15 years. He has won numerous awards and made radio and television appearances and has been showcased in Canadian Living magazine.

Jim "Bearcat" Murray is a former trainer for the Calgary Flames and continues to be a community ambassador for the team. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2009.

How you can help:

We are a registered non-profit society with charitable status and we rely on the support of community donors to continue our programming and services. Without the amazing support of local businesses and individuals, Rowan House Emergency Shelter would not be able to protect the women and children of the rural Foothills.

Currently Rowan House is a tiny two bedroom facility located in the basement of an adolescent group home. We have significantly outgrown our current facility and are in desperate need of a larger, more secure shelter. Every year we turn away more families than we can house. We have purchased land in the Town of High River and raised \$700,000 to date. We need an additional \$800,000 to complete this facility in 2011. This dream will only become a reality through the generosity of local businesses and individual supporters.

We are asking for your support. This is your opportunity to truly make a difference in the lives of women and children throughout the Foothills community. Funds raised at our Hope and Healing Gala will go directly to build this new Shelter. We are also requesting donations of auction items for the *2011 Hope & Healing Gala*.

Please be a proud supporter of Rowan House Emergency Shelter and be a part of making a difference!

Did you know...the Rowan tree is also known as the Mountain Ash. The berries, often retained through the winter, symbolize the endurance of life through the dark of the year and the tree itself was said to afford protection to the dwelling by which it grew. Rowan trees have traditionally been associated with peace, sanctuary, privacy and beauty. The Rowan Tree symbolizes what we at Rowan House stand for.

Events and Fundraisers

Events to Watch For:

- March 23rd – **Evening of Indulgence by Generations Chiropractic** – Women over 18 are welcome to come to the Heritage Inn in High River between 7-9pm with the first 75 women receiving a goodie bag. (A huge “Thank You” to Generations Chiropractic for donating the proceeds from last year’s event to Rowan House!)
- May 5th – **Nanton Resource Fair**
- May 14th – **Hope & Healing Gala** – Tickets are \$200 per person or \$1400 for a table of 8.
- June 11th & 12th – **Fury in the Foothills** <http://www.furyinthefoothills.com>
- October 1st (date moved from April 2nd) – **Scrapbooking Convention** <http://scrapbookinokotoks.blogspot.com/>

*please note the **Soup Sisters Lunch** has been postponed until Sunday, March 27th.

Ongoing:

Coco Rouge Boutique (200 Southridge Drive) in Okotoks accepts consignment clothing for the Rowan House account. If you would like to donate clothing, it should be clean, gently used, and folded into garbage bags. When you drop it off at Coco, let the staff know it’s for Rowan House and usually within 2 weeks the clothing is ready for sale. A portion of the sales go to Rowan House.

This and That Décor (48 North Railway Street) in Okotoks are donating \$2 from every teddy bear sold, to Rowan House. You can also shop online at their website <http://thisandthatdecor.ca>.



Did you know...Alberta leads the provinces in domestic assault, homicide-suicide, stalking, and is third in domestic homicide.

Volunteer Corner

Thank you to all of our volunteers! Your work is greatly appreciated and without you, many programs at Rowan House would not be possible!

If you would like to volunteer or you're looking for more information, please contact Gisele at volunteer@rowanhouseonline.org or at the office at 403-938-6785.

Did you know...50% of clients in shelters are children and 50% of clients turned away are children



That's it for this edition. Join us next month for another exciting look at what's happening!

In the mean time, you can visit www.rowanhouseonline.org or call the office at 403-938-6785 for more information. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

And don't forget to tell your friends and family about Shop and Share at www.shopandshare.ca.

People can select from a wide range of well known, brand name stores, shop online, then have a percentage of the proceeds donated to Rowan. It's free for you and for Rowan House so create an account today!