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Domestic Violence Prevention Services

# NOVA VITA

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2018

## Nova Vita's impact in Brantford and Brant County

- 5,074 crisis and support calls answered
- 203 women & children lived at Nova Vita
- 838 individuals received community counselling
- 140 children accessed our children's programs

## Volunteers are essential!

Volunteers are essential to the many programs and services we offer at Nova Vita. Individuals who selflessly give of themselves, taking time out of their busy lives to spend a few hours each month helping out in our emergency shelter program or our children's program, in the donation room or in reception, at special events or at Closet Couture Boutique.

Volunteering is a way to make a difference in someone's life and make an impact in our community. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities at Nova Vita so if you have time to give, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Serena at 519.732.1005 x 216 or [sshields@novavita.org](mailto:sshields@novavita.org). We can't do what we do without our amazing volunteers!

*"When I first came to live at Nova Vita I was afraid and shocked that I was here. I soon became so comfortable, I felt I would never want to leave. This experience has given me an opportunity to gain strength within myself and the courage to pursue good things in my life..." - Nova Vita Client*

## Wrapped In Courage Campaign

Wrapped in Courage is an Ontario-wide campaign that brings awareness to the issue of violence against women. A locally designed white inscription "*the courage of a woman alone is not enough*" decorates the purple fashion scarf reminding us that we are all responsible for ending gender-based violence. All proceeds from scarves and ties support local women's shelters and can be purchased locally at Nova Vita or Closet Couture Boutique for only \$20.



Wrapped in Courage celebrating International Women's Day 2018

# Closet Couture Boutique finds a new home!



Five years ago, Nova Vita's dream of opening a little boutique of new and like-new hand-selected women's clothing and accessories was realized. A social enterprise where proceeds would benefit the programs and services at Nova Vita. Sadly, in the spring of 2018, the building that housed our little CC Boutique was sold.

We were left homeless and went in search of the perfect location. With tips and help from our community friends, we scouted over 30 locations. The days and weeks went by when finally, we found our new home at 415 Fairview Drive, in the same plaza as Brant Smiles Family Dentistry. Or as we call it: Four One Five Fairview Drive.

On July 10th, we re-opened Closet Couture Boutique and showcased our new beautifully designed logo. We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all the volunteers who helped us with the move, the redesign, the interior decorating, and the words of encouragement. We couldn't have done it without you!

Drop in and see our new space, discover a one-of-a-kind fashion piece, or shop for wedding dresses (Yes! We sell wedding dresses.)

**Closet Couture Boutique • 415 Fairview Drive • 519.758.0808**  
**Follow us on social media @ClosetCoutureBoutique**



**Thank you to everyone who participated in Nova Vita's annual 'Heels to Heal' Walk and helped raise over \$20,000 to help end domestic violence in our community.**

## Innovative Community Engagement

Nova Vita was the proud recipient of an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant to provide intervention strategies to parents, caregivers, and professionals working with children who have witnessed domestic violence from a trauma-informed approach. For more information contact Brooke at 519.752.1005 x 256

Nova Vita's Multicultural Community Engagement Project has been hosting creative events, like employment networking events and cooking workshops, for immigrant and refugee communities to make connections and build meaningful relationships. For more information contact Anita, Multicultural Communities Coordinator at 519.752.1005 x 254



### Financial donations graciously accepted

- online at [www.novavita.org](http://www.novavita.org)
- by phone 519-752-1005
- by Mail
- in person

**Yes! I will help with a one time gift of:**  
 \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$\_\_\_\_\_ other

**Yes! I want to become a monthly donor:**  
 Here is my monthly gift of:  \$10  \$25  \$50  \$\_\_\_\_\_ other

*By becoming a monthly donor, the amount will automatically be withdrawn each month and continue until you notify Nova Vita of any change.*

Please find enclosed:  Cheque  Credit card

**Yes! I want to volunteer at Nova Vita!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes! Please add me to the e-mail distribution list:**

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