

The Transition House Association of Nova Scotia Shelter Data Count 2009

on **ONE DAY** - nine transition houses, two Mi'kmaw Family Healing Centres and one second stage/outreach organization in Nova Scotia recorded their facts, thoughts and experiences on November 25, 2009—as part of the first ever Global Shelter Data Count

on **ONE DAY**
216 women and
140 children
seeking safety from
domestic violence
were helped
by **THANS**
Member
Organizations

Autumn House
Amherst, NS

Bryony House
Halifax, NS

Cape Breton Transition
House Association
Sydney, NS

Chrysalis House
Kentville, NS

Harbour House
Bridgewater, NS

Juniper House
Yarmouth & Digby, NS

Leeside Society
Port Hawkesbury, NS

Naomi Society
Antigonish, NS

Tearmann House
New Glasgow, NS

Third Place
Truro, NS

on **ONE DAY** women told us.....

“Thank-you, I’m crying happy tears today because of your help and support.”

Woman [high risk for lethality] *“Thank God you are here. I love you, don’t know what I would do without you.”*

“You gals are so beautiful to us”

A woman shared that she had brought her daughter-in-law to the shelter because of her son’s behaviour, and said
“I didn’t want my grandchildren to live that way.”

“Thank you for caring.”

“Thank you for giving me the option of coming to the shelter, the information you are giving me is so helpful.”

“My counsellor is so helpful and understanding and she has educated me about the cycle of violence.”

“I would not be in this mess, if I had met you a long time ago.”

The NS Shelter Data Count took place in participation with 2882 other organizations in 24 countries

Over half of the organizations received help from Nova Scotians that day:

- Household goods
- Furniture
- Cash donations
- Clothing
- Offers to support families for the Holidays
- Volunteer hours
- Food
- Toys & games

and on ONE DAY front line staff told Us-

"I absolutely love my job. I love helping moms and children who come to the shelter."

Written in Executive Director's Log Book by a staff who accompanied a High Risk for Lethality client to Court: *"Thank you for the privilege of being part of this team...thank you, thank you...I know I don't say it enough."*

"It sometimes breaks my heart to see women feel they have no choice but to stay with their abuser. I think my goal is to make sure that in as many ways as I can, I can let them know that we're here for them and that they can come here anytime."

"We are very concerned about the trend that is forcing women who have left abusive relationships into co-parenting arrangements. These, of course, place the women and children at much greater risk for abuse."

"Today I provided counselling to a young woman who needed support. She has had her child taken into care by Child Protection following an incident with her abusive ex-husband."



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THANS Member Organizations provide crisis and transition services for women (and their children) experiencing violence and abuse, at 13 locations across Nova Scotia

For information on a shelter near you, go to <http://www.thans.ca/Content/FindShelter>