



December Newsletter

December saw us halfway through our UNLOCK FEAR Campaign to Give a Woman a Safe Holiday. Every dollar raised contributes to WISE providing a lock and key to a woman affected by domestic violence in Ottawa. The campaign began on November 25 and ran until the end of the 16 Days of Gender-Based Violence which is December 10. WISE wishes to thank all of the donors who supported this campaign. Your help is greatly appreciated. We raised a total of \$350 to go to new door locks and keys! If you haven't heard of the campaign, last-minute donations are always welcome!

<https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/28850>

WISE joined with other agencies as part of the Women's Events Network hosting the December 6 Vigil, a community vigil to honour and grieve all women who have died as a result of male violence. Speakers Danielle and Laure-Emanuelle spoke so powerfully about losing women they know. We had some powerful singing as attendees went forward to put their flowers on the Women's Monument.



WISE held a successful SAFE-TEA fundraiser! Join us for the next round in 2017; join us in networking, collaborating and support WISE at the same time.

The home renovation safety workshops “Building Women Up” are proceeding. Baseline Home Depot workshops held their last two sessions on December 7 and 14. We have had a great turnout. Check the WISE website for South Keys, Orleans and Kanata in the new year. Don't forget we do have some subsidy for childcare and transportation support, but you do have to register for them. Click the following link for more information and to register:

<https://www.facebook.com/WomensInitiativesForSaferEnvironments/events/>



BeaWISEBOSS – Have you filled out the survey yet? We're looking to hear about your experiences while patronizing Ottawa businesses. Fill out the survey at the following link:

<https://wiseottawa.typeform.com/to/BJyiP2>

We want everyone to be safe. WISE is looking to help business owners ensure that their business is a safe space for customers and employees. Share your story today.

Want to win a prize for a \$50.00 gift card? WISE is going to celebrate our 25th anniversary during 2017. We're looking for you to design us a 25th anniversary logo. The entries will be posted on our Facebook page where our supporters can vote. The winner wins the gift card. Contest closes February 27, 2017. For more information about our organization, check out the history of WISE at www.wiseottawa.ca. Submit your logo design and its story of what it represents to info@wiseottawa.ca. Good luck!

Looking to give back in 2017? Volunteer with WISE – contact us we will see how we can work together.

On behalf of the board of Directors, staff and volunteers at Women's Initiatives for Safer Environments, we want to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season. Happy New Year and we look forward to working with you again in 2017.

