

November 28, 2023

Attention: Lily Stone Gardens and Café
Re: Gala Fundraiser for Willow Place



Dear Lily Stone Gardens management, staff and partners,

Thank you for your support to women and children in our family violence shelter program through the ***Lily Stone Gardens summer gala event***. We felt very fortunate to have your support and were inspired by the creativity and passion of the Lily Stone team. We recently received the amazing proceeds from your event totaling \$10,000! This phenomenal gift will enable us to sustain vital violence prevention supports with some of the most vulnerable populations in our region – we are so grateful to each of you.

Willow Place is a registered Canadian charity and a member of the ShelterSafe Canada network. Although we are one of over 30 agencies in Manitoba's Gender Equity Manitoba program (formerly the Family Violence Prevention Program), our work accounts for almost 1/3 of total supports. Our hardworking team of 50 staff provides 24-hour crisis supports every day of the year, as well as outreach and follow up supports, and services for men and children. On average, our busy shelter program fields over 6,500 crisis-support calls and counts more than 9,000 stays yearly. However, in the past year, we have seen a big increase in those seeking support, and we counted a record 13,400 shelter stays. As such, your support came to us at a particular time of need and was especially precious to us.

Thank you for lighting a beacon of hope for our program during challenging times – we are so grateful for your generosity, and we could not accomplish what we do without help from caring community. We hope you enjoy a happy and healthy autumn season, and we wish you all the best for the coming holiday season.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "P. Hadder".

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