

# Confidential transition housing available to women

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not the right approach, Lautard said. She also pointed out that she would be there for the woman's family and friends if they feel they need to speak with her.

There is a space that Lautard's clients can access and soon they're going to have an on-going support group that will meet.

"The resource centre is a confidential location in order to protect the confidentiality and safety of those who want to access it," said Lautard.

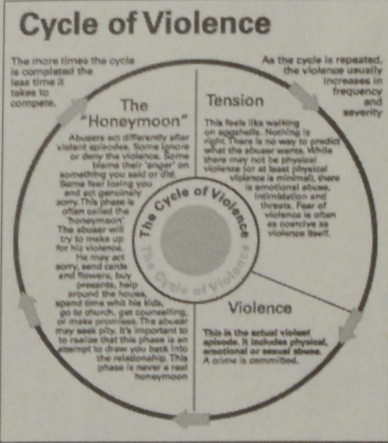
Right now the program, which serves only the Fredericton area, has funding for two years from the federal government's homelessness initiative. Judy Loukes, the Director of the project, will be looking for on-going sources of funding so that this can be a permanent service in Fredericton.

The project is under the umbrella of Liberty Lane Inc., not to be confused with the Liberty Lane residential program.

Liberty Lane residential program is a second-stage housing system for women leaving after a 30 day stay at a transition house. There are eight apartments available; six for women with children and two for women without children. A woman's stay at Liberty Lane usually has a one year time limit, but in special circumstances that may be extended.

"We've discovered, however, that a residential program is not for all women and that's where I come in," said Lautard.

She stresses that the service is confidential free, and available to students. "Even when you leave a voice-mail message, it's confidential," said Lautard.



Lautard says that she can meet with a woman face to face, on the phone, in the woman's home, at Liberty Lane, or other locations.

"The program has coordinated access to community services, emotional support, goal and safety planning, [and] advocacy, among other things. Those are the outreach services in terms of what I do," said Lautard.

"I just ask the questions, point out the resources, but it's the woman who has to do the work," said Lautard.

Once a woman does leave an abusive relationship, gets her life together and later considers dating, "some women are leery of that step. They worry about how can I make sure the violence doesn't happen again? We talk about the warning signs they should be on the lookout for; give them safety tips, such as advising them to meet their new date in public places; what the red flags are now as opposed to prior to this, etc.," said Lautard.

"It's important for the woman to know you don't have to forsake yourself as an individual; you can have autonomy within a relationship."

# 250 cities on Knowles' list

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You know, you have to. I'm still 14, and I'm still a kid. You want to do those things, you want to play hockey and do all those good things. They say I can't, but I do it anyway. There's no point [not doing it] I just want to live."

Knowles met the man he calls his inspiration, George Marchello, who began "Step by Step", a 769-day walk across Canada in 2002, and was able to carry the Torch of Life through the Sarnia, Ontario leg of the walk. He then decided that his wish was to walk across Canada. He wanted to help people that needed an organ, and show the country how serious the lack of organ donation really is.

"I just want people to understand the situation and to sign the donor cards and to let their families know of their wishes [before death]," said Knowles.

Although this seemed like a large task for a young boy, he said it was important for him to let Canada know organs are needed and how few are actually donated.

Out of the 4000 Canadians waiting for a transplant, nearly 150 of them

die each year still waiting for a donor, even though we have some of the greatest technological advances for such procedures.

After close contact with Marchello and months of planning and discussing, Knowles made his dream a reality and began "Kristopher's Wish" on Jan. 8 with his hero and his father by his side.

The plan was to walk through 250 Canadian cities and make over 1000 appearances. He hopes this will create a wave of attention which he intends to focus on the need for organ donation.

On Oct. 29 Knowles marked day 296 by visiting Sears Portrait Studio in the Regent Mall, and manager Carol Ann McPhee was more than glad to receive him.

"Sears Portrait Studio is proud to sponsor Kristopher's Wish through making organ donation literature available at all studios across Canada. We urge Canadians to visit their local... studio to obtain this information that could help save a life," said McPhee.

Although living in a motor-home can get rough, the only complaint Knowles has about the last year is the "Minus-50 degree weather and the snow that was like up to here. [pointing to his

chest]"

Even with his own sickness, Knowles is bound and determined to let the country know about this important cause. He hopes to have the operation when he reaches the end of his walk in his hometown of Sarnia in late December.

"It might not happen because they usually say that. About two weeks into our trip my doctor came out and said I was first on the list and [that] I'd receive it anytime, like in a week or so, and its been nine and a half months after that," said Knowles.

A young boy with a big heart and a bigger will to live, Kristopher Knowles embodies courage and selflessness. Marchello was once quoted saying, "I have never met anyone that is so courageous and determined. Kris will not let the disease win."

A liver donation is the only thing that will keep him alive in the long term.

With all of this on his mind, one would imagine that fear would creep in. Knowles says he is not afraid. When asked about what is next for him, he answered honestly, "There is nothing left to do but wait. Either I get a liver or I die."

# Advisory committee in works

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actually tracks sales and we use historical knowledge for ordering course books," Fillmore explained. "We have learned from the experience that we better look a lot closer [at our predictions] for the January term."

In light of accusations she said that books are never knowingly under ordered.

"We try to choose a number that will be the correct number," she said. "We don't always order 100 per cent of enrollment because truthfully seldom do we sell 100 per cent of enrollment."

Student Union President Greg

LeBlanc has said that the union is actively pursuing the reinstatement of a bookstore advisory committee in co-operation with the other involved groups.

"I know in the past there have been minor inconveniences, but nothing of this scale," LeBlanc said and suggested that the shortage sends a "very negative" message to students.

"Students already pay too much for education, texts are way too expensive, and it sends a message that this bookstore doesn't want to serve students as well as it should."

"Our main reason for being here is to serve the students and faculty," said Fillmore, "which obviously we did not

do particularly well this term."

Both she and Jane Fritz have put their support behind the advisory committee, which Fritz will be chairing initially.

"It's a wonderful process," Fillmore said, pointing out that St. Thomas established a bookstore committee last January with great results.

Until then, both Fritz and LeBlanc said they encourage students to seek out alternative sources for their textbooks if their needs are not being met.

And the professors? "I'm basically making my choices on what to teach the following week by determining what's in the bookstore," said Lissa Paul.

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