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## TD Bank Group celebrates Mother's Day with an investment in the Women of Waterloo Region

Kitchener, ON- Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region is very proud to thank TD Bank Group for their support of the campaign to Rebuild Haven House, the shelter supporting abused women and their children in Cambridge and North Dumfries.

TD announced today that they are investing \$50,000 in the safety and the future of women in our region.

"The care, love and support provided by Women's Crisis Services is truly remarkable", said Darren Johnston, District Vice President TD Commercial Banking.

"Comforting abused women and their children in our community is so important to TD and we know the new Haven House will go a long way in our local community. They truly deserve this new shelter".

With over 6,100 domestic violence related calls to the Waterloo Regional Police Services, the need for a bigger shelter to serve Women and their children is urgent.

Originally built to accommodate 11 people, the new shelter will be rebuilt to 45 beds and will accommodate adequate space for programming and partnerships, and be an environment conducive to healing. The rebuilt Haven House will feature a notable security system, private entrance for clients, a commercial kitchen and servery, expandable bedrooms (for women with several children), designated program spaces for youth, music therapy, spiritual care, medical care and much more. Located at the corner of Acorn Way and Elgin Street, the site provides easy access to transportation, recreation and shopping facilities.

Mary Zilney, CEO of Women's Crisis Services states, "Every abused woman in Cambridge and North Dumfries deserves a facility that is conducive to her being able to move forward and break the intergenerational cycle of abuse so that the next generation does not need to seek our help. We are grateful to TD Bank Group for their timely investment celebrating Mother's day, and ensuring that each woman in Cambridge who needs help, will have what she deserves....a Rebuilt Haven House."

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*Women's Crisis Services operates two emergency shelters, Haven House and Anselma House, plus Outreach services for abused women and their children throughout Waterloo Region. [www.wcswr.org/rebuild-haven-house](http://www.wcswr.org/rebuild-haven-house)*

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