



## 2017 IN REVIEW

It's been quite a year at West Central Women's Resource Centre. It's hard to believe it's been a year since our big flood! **Thanks to overwhelming donations from supporters like you**, we were fully re-open by spring.

And not a moment too soon. We saw **record numbers** of women and families accessing our services this year. Thanks to funding from For Every Family led by the United Way and Manitoba government, we were able to finally **extend our hours** to open two evenings a week and Saturday mornings to help meet the need.

We also partnered with the Indigenous Women's Healing Centre, the John Howard Society of Manitoba and Eagle Urban Transition Centre to launch **Project Manitouwabi**, a ground-breaking initiative to address gaps incarcerated individuals face when trying to secure safe and affordable housing prior to release from custody.

Our centre has become a hub for supports for women and families, and a voice for women's rights at local, provincial, and national tables.

## STRATEGY TO END GENDER-BASED HOMELESSNESS

Women, trans, two-spirit and gender non-conforming individuals experience unique paths to homelessness **due to gender-based experiences** in communities and social systems.

We are proud to be leading the creation of a Gender-Based Strategy to End Homelessness with support from Status of Women Canada to complement Winnipeg's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

We hope to launch the Strategy next year.

We couldn't do any of this without supporters like you! From all of us at WCWRC: **thank you** for your support. Every little contribution, financial or otherwise, makes an impact.



# 2018 HYGIENE DRIVE: BRING APRIL SHOWERS

West Central Women's Resource Centre is an essential resource for accessing basic hygiene supplies for women. Due to increasing demand and decreasing supplies, we may be forced to turn women away that need these indispensable items.

Throughout March, we're asking individuals and organizations to Bring April Showers by donating:

- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soap & bodywash
- Sanitary pads
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Gift cards to drug stores or grocery stores
- Cash

Items must be new and unopened, can be full-size or travel-size.

## TO DONATE:

- Drop items off at 640 Ellice Ave when we're open, or
- Contact 204-774-8975 or [drop-in@wcwrc.ca](mailto:drop-in@wcwrc.ca) to make arrangements, or
- Donate online at [wcwrc.ca/hygiene](http://wcwrc.ca/hygiene).

**“Our hygiene program is important for the dignity and self-esteem of women. Having access to items many take for granted can make a big difference for a family's budget and access to opportunities.”**

*- Merrill Grant, drop-in programs coordinator*



## CHECK OUT THE NEW WCWRC.CA!

We're excited to present our **new website!**

It looks great on all your devices, has a beautiful program calendar and is much more interactive!

We hope you like [wcwrc.ca](http://wcwrc.ca) and visit often!



# WHAT YOU SUPPORT WHEN YOU DONATE TO WCWRC

Hear directly from our participants on what our centre provides to the community. We can't offer these services without your support. Thank you!

## What do you like about WCWRC?

"It exists."

"I get out and do stuff with my life everyday now."

"Feels like home."

"I love it. When I was addicted I was able to shower, get hygiene."

"Lunches when hungry."

"Somewhere to go when I feel blue."

"Help me realize... I can help others."

## How has WCWRC made a difference in your life?

"Shows me people care."

"People here know me, outside... no one talks to me."

"Helped me find a place when I was homeless."

"Empowerment & strength."

"More laughs."

"Learn English... advice about Canada."

"Hope, spiritual development & Aboriginal culture."

"Made me more confident."

Source: 2017 centre-wide survey



## BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Help us to keep making a difference in the lives of so many.

Sign up to give a monthly or one-time donation at [www.wcwr.ca/support](http://www.wcwr.ca/support) or send a cheque to: WCWRC, 640 Ellice Ave, Winnipeg MB, R3G 0A7.

Gifts of \$20 and up receive a charitable tax receipt.