

**Happy Holidays
from
Second Stage
Housing!!**



Working together to achieve our mission!!!

TO PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL SUPPORTS AND HOUSING TO WOMEN, WITH OR WITHOUT CHILDREN, WHO ARE LEAVING AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP.

Our Board of Directors are a group of committed individuals that work together to have structures, processes and practices in place to assure that we can achieve our mission. Their care and attention to bylaws, policies and procedures, strategic planning, succession planning and accountability assures that we are offering a service that is legally, ethically and financially sound. They are a group of volunteers that need to be recognized for the work they do to support the women in our community.

Our 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Kelly Hoogstra – Chair of the Board

Beverley Wright – Vice – Chair

Sylvia Vanderkooy – Secretary/Treasurer

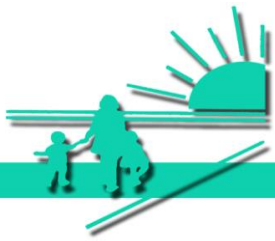
Suzanne Mezenburg – Director

Natalie Lampman - Director

We are Accepting Applications for Board Members

Join us to support women and children in our community!

**If interested please send a letter of interest to Mickie Keefer at
secondstage.stessh@rogers.com**



MEET OUR STAFF TEAM

Mickie Keefer – Executive Director
Kristina Holcombe Parker – Program Supervisor
Jordyn Birrell – Transitional Support
Natalie Ingram – Women’s Counsellor
Kennedy Leask – Children’s Advocate
Maintenance – Gary Baldwin

Combined as a team we have over 85 years of experience working in the area of Domestic Violence!

We believe that the key to teamwork is having the strong ability to learn from each other, respect each other and never lose sight of our common goals.

PROGRAMS WE OFFER

- **Safe affordable transitional housing.**
- **Safety Planning**
- **Individual Supports to Women and their children living in residence.**
- **Psycho-educational Group to women living in residence.**
- **Children’s Recreation/Self Growth groups.**
- **Transitional Supports**
- **Parenting Supports**
- **Life Skills Supports**
- **Housing Application Support**
- **Referrals and Advocacy**

If you or someone you know is needing support:

Call: (519) 637-2288

or go

Online: www.secondstagehousing.net

Our Student Placement Program is happening again!!!!



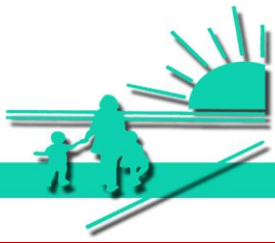
Hello, my name is McKenna Clark. I am currently in my second year of studying Child and Youth Care at Fanshawe College in St. Thomas and I am currently doing my field placement at St. Thomas - Elgin Second Stage Housing. I started my placement early this September and have been working with the Children’s Advocate to support the children living at Second Stage. I have been offering individual support daily to children developing social skills. Having the opportunity to develop and implement this individual support has been a very positive experience. Additionally, I have the chance to increase my knowledge of Domestic Violence through supporting the children in weekly group activities. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the staff and residents here at St Thomas Elgin Second Stage Housing.

St. Thomas-Elgin Second Stage Housing

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National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

December 6th is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. It was on this day in 1989 that fourteen women at the École Polytechnique in Montreal were murdered because of their gender. The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women is about remembering those who have experienced gender-based violence and those who we have lost to it; it is also a time to take action.

Second Stage Housing recognizes the importance of this day and feels the best way to remember these fourteen women is to recommit ourselves, women and men, to the fight for women's liberation and end to violence against women.

PLEASE JOIN US for an outdoor memorial ceremony.

Date: December 6th, 2022 at 10 am

Place: Columbus Club of St Thomas
265 Wellington St.

THANK – YOU JACKPOT CITY

Our connection with Jackpot City OLG is something we value everyday. It gives us the opportunity to connect with our community, fund raise and inform patrons at the hall about our services. The funds we raise through volunteering for OLG support our programs which means the funds are going directly back to servicing the women and children in our program.

Recently we were able to use proceeds from OLG to have our accessible back deck and ramp replaced.

Thank you to Jay Okkerse Contracting for the great installation work you did!



Join the 100 Club Today!

The 100 Club is a planned giving initiative, which aims to get 100 individuals, families, or groups to commit to making an annual donation of \$120 or more to our agency. It is the most convenient way to support us. The objective of the 100 Club is to generate sustainable funding for our programs. Our hope is to be able to focus less effort on fundraising and more on the programming we offer to the women and children at our agency.

We would like to thank all our 100 Club donors for their continued support to our programs!

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Second Stage Financial Donors May 15th, 2022 to November 15th 2022

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Enclosed is my gift of: \$ _____ One time gift: ____ 100 Club: _____

Paid by: Cheque Series of post dated cheques

Automatic Bank Charge ___1st or ___15th \$ _____ each month (enclose VOIDED cheque)

Mastercard Visa #: _____ expiry date ___ / ___ (secure site)

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Mail to: St. Thomas – Elgin Second Stage Housing, 15 Golding Place, St. Thomas, ON N5R 6B6

Thank you for your support!