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Local Chapter of Canadian Motorcycle Cruisers supports women in our community through YWCA!

Peterborough, ON – December 9, 2011 – YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton would like to thank Canadian Motorcycle Cruisers, Kawartha Lakes Chapter for generously donating \$500 to support the YWCA's Hazel Fund.

The Canadian Motorcycle Cruisers was founded in 2006 and currently has 84 chapters with over 5,000 members country wide and growing every day. CMC is a social riding club with chapters that have a variety of events during the year. Members come with years and thousands of kilometers of riding experience. They have three simple rules: no alcohol on rides, ride safely, and always be nice and have fun. As a family based riding club, they welcome every kind of motorcycle and enthusiast. Their mandate for their club is "It doesn't matter the brand as long as you ride!"

The Hazel Fund was created by Hazel's friends and admirers and is now run by YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton. Hazel was a special YWCA volunteer who died in 1996 after a long struggle with breast cancer. Her dream was to find a way to help women overcome barriers related to violence and abuse so that they might pursue their dreams. Hazel believed that everyone deserves a chance and that chances should be made possible. She learned to speak out and encouraged others to stand up and be heard. This fund is intended to keep Hazel's spirit alive by providing recognition and financial help to women engaged in overcoming barriers related to violence and abuse, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and access formal or informal training and education.

The YWCA was fortunate to be the recipient of a donation to the Hazel Fund from Canadian Motorcycle Cruisers, Kawartha Lakes Chapter at their Christmas dinner held recently at the Carousel restaurant. YWCA would like to thank CMC-KLC and its members for their generous donation and helping to keep Hazel's dream alive.



YWCA Board President Christine Vogel (second from right) accepts a cheque for \$500 from the Kawartha Lakes Chapter of the Canadian Motorcycle Cruiser representatives Carol Jorgensen (2nd officer) and Keith Selby (1st Officer) along with Ann Douglas, YWCA representative (far right).

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