



**YWCA**  
PETERBOROUGH  
VICTORIA  
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A TURNING POINT  
FOR WOMEN



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## **Bursary Continues Local Woman’s Vision of Helping Women Overcome Barriers**

**Peterborough, ON – January 11, 2012** -- Beginning March 1st, YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton will accept applications to the Hazel Fund, an Education Award established in memory of a local woman who dreamed of finding ways to help women overcome barriers related to violence and abuse in order to pursue their dreams.

This year, the YWCA will award three \$1,000 grants to local women who are working toward overcoming tremendous obstacles to further their formal or informal education.

Application forms for the Hazel Fund are available upon request at 216 Simcoe Street or online at [www.ywcapeterborough.org/hazel-fund.html](http://www.ywcapeterborough.org/hazel-fund.html). Applications will be accepted from March 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

This fund has helped local women for over 13 years and has recently been extended through generous donations to YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton.

“Hazel believed that everyone deserves a chance and that chances should be made possible,” says Lynn Zimmer, YWCA Executive Director. “She learned to speak out and encouraged others to stand up and be heard”.

“My mother was a strong, laughing woman who met her struggles and endured,” says Hazel’s daughter Shona. “She saw others struggle and showed them how to survive. She shared the roads she travelled, and the experiences and lessons she learned and I think everyone she touched became a better person for having met her.”

To learn more about the Hazel Fund, please visit [www.ywcapeterborough.org](http://www.ywcapeterborough.org) or contact the YWCA by phone at (705) 743-3526 or TTY (705) 743-4015.

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