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Search for Board Directors YWCA Seeks Women Who Want to Plan YWCA Future

Peterborough, ON – March 16, 2011 -- “We need women who will take a strong role in planning a sustainable future for the YWCA’s life-saving programs. We need women who want to get involved, and try new things, and who have about ten to twelve hours a month to contribute,” says Sandy Lawrence, President of YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton. “Being passionate about women’s issues is important, but it isn’t enough. We’re looking for women who want to change the world – starting right here in our own community.”

Lawrence explains that the YWCA is seeking new Board Directors who will play a pivotal role in the YWCA’s fundraising, strategic planning and governance activities. “We’re looking for women who are leaders, have a passion for the work we do and who will act as ‘champions’ within their various spheres of influence to ensure a viable future for this organization.”

“The YWCA believes in diversity and welcomes women of all ethnicities, abilities, and ages,” says Jennifer Cureton, Chair of the Nominating Committee. “We are looking toward the future. Specifically, we’re seeking Board Directors with experience in strategic planning, financial management, fundraising and human resources management. We need to ensure that women and children have the facilities and programs necessary to assist them in times of crisis, then with healing and ultimately with successfully moving forward in their lives.”

YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton exists to support the right of all women and their families to live free from violence, poverty and oppression. Programs include: Crossroads Shelter for women and children, Centennial Crescent Housing for women and children, crisis counselling and outreach services, WELL Pre-Employment program for women, GirlSpace After School program, an annual Week Without Violence campaign, Food Action programs for low income families, Y’s Buys “New-to-You” clothing store, Compass Training Centre, counselling/support groups and a crisis ‘safe space’ called HERS in Haliburton County.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity please contact the YWCA at 705-743-3526 (TTY 705-743-4015) or FAX 705-745-4654, or e-mail: Kerri Boyd, Executive Assistant at kboyd@ywcapeterborough.org to receive an information package and details about our candidates meeting on Wednesday, April 20th, 2011.

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