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## Hiatus House launches "A Place to Heal" transitional housing project .

### *Project Launch Announcement*

Hiatus House will be hosting a reception to launch their new transitional housing project entitled "A Place to Heal" at The Windsor Yacht Club on Thursday March 9 at 4:30 pm. The need for transitional housing in Windsor Essex is crucial for women and children who have fled a violent relationship. Returning to abusive partners, living with friends, or living in homelessness is **not an option!**

Women throughout Windsor Essex including members of municipal governments, labour, social services and the business sector have been invited to learn more and share ideas about the proposed project and to lend their voices to help up promote it throughout Windsor Essex.

Lisa Gibbs Executive Director of the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation will deliver remarks and speak to the the importance of this project. Lisa notes that; "fifty years ago Canada's first shelter was introduced to support "runaway wives, and their children." A quarter century later, Royal LePage bravely chose to dedicate their charitable efforts towards solving this complex social problem that was largely hidden behind closed doors. Today we will come together to add our voices to help solve this crisis for women and children. Hiatus House has a plan to address sheltering women and children, and we can't wait to share it with you. Today we will share an opportunity to act "Together to create a Place to Heal"

Sylvie Guenther Executive Director of Hiatus House notes that ""Hiatus House is working to make Transitional Housing a reality for women in Windsor-Essex who have left an abusive situation and wish to rebuild. We will give women and their children the fresh start they need to build a new life for themselves, one free of violence. The transitional house will provide safe shelter and supports, where they can learn about looking after a home, they can be with other women and share their experiences and they can learn skills and be supported as they strengthen and heal. Let's make this a reality together and give women a place to heal."

Media is invited to join us at the Yacht Club on March 9. Presentations begin at 4:45 pm . Your assistance in promoting this project is greatly appreciated.

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