

the OPEN DOOR Centre



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ABORTION

This single word stirs up a *wave* of emotions for both women and men. Most women keep their abortions a secret for fear of what others will think. Before their abortion some women believe it is their best and only option. Some are ambivalent about abortion. Other women feel pressured by others to consider abortion. Many women struggle emotionally after having an abortion. Open Door Centre is a safe

place to discuss a past abortion. We invite women to come and join us in a 10 week healing journey that is free from judgement and full of acceptance and love.

Recently I have joined with Project Rachel and have been journeying with a woman through post abortion healing. It has been a powerful experience for me to watch her experience forgiveness and find freedom from the secret that she was carrying.

CAPSS

We are a long time member of the Canadian Association of Pregnancy Support Services. What does this mean? We are submitted to a Christ centred organization that provides us with: resources, organizational accountability, leadership training, support for our board of directors and they connect us with other Pregnancy Centres across Canada that are carrying out the same vital work. Check out their website at www.capss.com. Heather (ED) will be travelling to the annual CAPSS conference for further training and development April 27-May2.

✧ Baby Bottle Fundraiser ✧

May 11 to June 15 our baby bottle fundraiser is happening. Join with many churches to support the Centre by filling a baby bottle with your spare change. It makes a difference! Contact us to find out how to easily bring this event to your church this month.

Partnering

Every month we have women who come to us needing supplies from our baby closet. In March we had a beautiful new immigrant woman Camilla* come into the Centre. She was experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and it was only 2

weeks before she delivered her baby boy. She came to us looking for some conversation, some clothes, diapers and supplies. As she shared her story with us we were moved with compassion to hear of her situation of domestic abuse and extreme poverty. We recognized that providing her

supplies was only part of helping her. We have been able to connect her with a local church that predominately is comprised of people from her home country. This congregation can now continue to minister to her and we can see God's kingdom advance as we partner with churches. *name changed