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**Cameco Supports Cornerstone's Violence Prevention Program**

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY – Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre (Cornerstone) is pleased to announce it has received funding from Cameco to support the Youth Violence Prevention Program; a school based initiative that is delivered in classrooms from grade 5 to 8, engaging youth across the County to develop the skills needed to build strong, healthy relationships.

“Cameco is proud to partner with Cornerstone on this program,” says Dale Clark, Vice President of Cameco Fuel Services Division. “Helping the youth of today learn important life skills that can help them deal with issues at school now or in the future is important for our community.”

“We are deeply grateful to have Cameco’s support for our Youth Violence Prevention Program,” says Cornerstone Executive Director, Nancy Johnston. “We strongly believe that engaging youth in developing healthy relationship skills will make a difference in our community, so to be the recipients of this support from Cameco means that we can continue to move toward our vision of a community committed to healthy, respectful relationship free from family violence,” adds Johnston.

The objective of the Youth Violence Prevention Program is to reach children and youth early, before issues of dating violence and interpersonal relationship violence becomes a pattern. The goal of the program is to prevent violence, enhance personal and community safety, build resilience and build community capacity for health and well-being through fostering attitudes and skills that promote healthy respectful relationships. We strongly believe that engaging youth in developing healthy relationship skills will make a difference in our community.

Cornerstone was able to establish the primary prevention program through a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the United Way Northumberland. United Way Northumberland continues to provide the funding, along with support from the Anti-Bullying Initiative (A.B.I.). Cornerstone is pleased to welcome Cameco to this group of Community Partners who maintain this program in schools throughout Northumberland County.

Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre is a place where hope grows. We are breaking the cycle of family violence by providing immediate shelter, counseling and prevention services throughout Northumberland County. Last year we provided over 6,600 night of shelter to women and children in our community impacted by family violence. For more information on Cornerstone and the various programs we offer please visit [www.cornerstonenorthumberland.ca](http://www.cornerstonenorthumberland.ca).

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