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Dear Friend,

My name is Hannah, and I am a Residential Counsellor at Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre. A part of my role that I really enjoy is when I get to invite and welcome women and their families into the shelter for the first time.

Recently, I supported a woman who had been experiencing chronic homelessness, various safety concerns, and who had been through so much. When I brought her to her room and she saw it for the first time, she became very emotional and started crying. Her response and gratitude was so meaningful and powerful to me.

However, not all those who are impacted by violence, abuse and trauma have the safety, security, and support they need to recover and begin a new life of hope. Some may never have a safe space to lay their head, caring and compassionate support systems to check in on them, or the opportunity to recover and rebuild in a secure environment.

Here's where you can help.

By making a donation to Cornerstone, you can help us achieve our mission to break the cycle of family violence by providing shelter, counselling, housing, and prevention services. Your generosity will help women, children, and youth impacted by violence have access to high-caliber services, professional and dedicated staff, as well as safe, secure and welcoming spaces to make a significant difference in their lives.

I can speak first-hand about the difference our services make. Being able to welcome women and families into shelter and see the pure relief on their faces is a powerful reminder of why I chose a vocation of helping people within the community – and my home-town.

I think many clients are pleasantly surprised when they come to the shelter, and see a place that looks very home-like, rather than institutionalized. I've seen moms bring their children to shelter and become so relieved and happy about a big, grassy backyard with play structures and gardens that they don't want to leave. Any reluctance to come into shelter - or any guilt about having to bring their children to stay in a shelter with them - suddenly goes away, because they see a home, not the stereotypical or negative image of what they thought a shelter would be like.

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So it was so nice that, as part of my job, I got to show this woman her own private space that was newly renovated; a space that looked like a real bedroom; with a real bed and not a cot; and brand new bedding. When she first entered the room, she seemed pleasantly surprised and commented on how cute her room looked and on the pretty and matching bedding; then she began to cry as she thanked me and told me this was the first time she felt safe in a long while.

***As a supporter of Cornerstone, you make moments like this possible.
You help create a place where people feel welcomed and safe – often for the first time.***

That is why investing in community supports like Cornerstone is so important. In the past year, your support has provided vital, accessible, effective, and transformative services to more than 1800 women, children, and youth in Northumberland County.

Will you make a donation to help transform a woman's or family's future?

I hope we can count on your support this year. Your gift to Cornerstone provides our clients', like the one I spoke about, a space where they feel welcome, safe, and secure. Your support enables access to warm and welcoming facilities, and excellent support services.

If you wish to make a donation, please contact Carly at 905-372-1545 Ext. 236 to make a credit card donation over the phone, or donate online by visiting cornerstonenorthumberland.ca/donate. You can also mail the form at the bottom of this letter in the envelope provided.

Please take this opportunity to make a gift to help women and children move out of danger and into a violence free future this holiday season. Your donation will be directed to the area of most urgent need, such as helping a woman create a safety plan, providing a child a safe place to sleep, or completely transforming a client's future.

I will never forget the powerful moment I shared with that client. It really is a privilege working for Cornerstone, seeing these moments and knowing they were all possible because of generous contributions from people like you.

With sincere gratitude on behalf of the entire Cornerstone team.

***Hannah Charles
Residential Counsellor***

P.S. We rely on support from the community to grow Cornerstone's ability to provide the County's most vulnerable with the resources they need to succeed. Please, invest in the women and children in our community by making a gift today!

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