

Book Project – Safe Today | Strong Tomorrow

Benefiting PEI Family Violence Prevention Services

Safe Today | Strong Tomorrow is a fundraising project of PEI Family Violence Prevention Services. Through a beautiful book of thoughtful writings and images - our goal is to illustrate the strength, courage and resilience of those unfortunate enough to find themselves in the face of family violence while at the same time celebrating *love*, and the healthy relationships that blossom from it.

All proceeds from Safe Today | Strong Tomorrow will help offset the expenses associated with the programming of PEI Family Violence Prevention Services including emergency shelter, community outreach services, second stage housing, youth programming and more. In addition to the typical overhead operational expenses, we also incur some extras such as transportation and childcare costs – significant barriers for women seeking services. In order to assist women in their recovery, it is important they have the means to get to and from a group session, one-on-one counseling, or a job interview and a safe place for their children while they focus on healing. Without access to the support and resources needed to heal broken bodies, minds and spirits, family violence can become an endless cycle. Together, with compassion and open hearts, we have the power to make a difference!

For more information about PEI Family Violence Prevention Services, please visit www.fvps.ca

We are seeking photographers and creative writers to contribute to a collective book of thoughtful photographs and writings that celebrate resilience, love, and the human spirit. It will showcase an uplifting look at healthy relationships, the beauty and strength of individuals who have experienced family violence, and the capability of a community to show kindness and support – especially in times of need. Photographers and writers are invited to submit an image (min 300 dpi), poem, or prose (max 300 words) they feel is aligned with the themes of this book. What does a healthy relationship look like to you? What symbolizes strength to you? Do you have a story that illustrates triumph over adversity, or about an act of kindness and support? We welcome thought provoking and creative ways to portray these themes and will enlist a volunteer committee of artists, art enthusiasts, writers and editors to help curate this project.

With a target completion date of January 30, 2015 Safe Today | Strong Tomorrow is expected to launch February 14, 2015 in conjunction with Valentine's Day and Family Violence Week in Prince Edward Island. The book will be promoted at various special events and available for sale at a number of locations across Prince Edward Island as well as for sale on our website.

Our vision is that the artists and writers contributing to this project will represent the struggles, hopes and dreams of the women and children we serve. We hope you will join us!

For more information please contact Lindsay at 902.894.3354 or lindsay@fvps.ca

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Thank you for participating in this important project! Please complete the following:

Name _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Email _____

I am pleased to provide the photograph, poem or prose described below to PEI Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. for book project "Safe Today | Strong Tomorrow":

Book captions will be taken directly from this information. Please complete all appropriate fields.

Title _____

Medium _____

Year _____

Courtesy of (credit line - include artist/gallery/publication if applicable) _____

Please send:

- **Completed form**
- **Digital image (300 dpi) or Poetry (35 lines including stanza breaks) or Prose (300 words max).**
Please note: Poetry/Prose will be edited for length. If your piece is longer, please send it along anyway for consideration; editors will be in touch.
- **Artist's/Writer's one paragraph bio**

to Lindsay Merrill at lindsay@fvps.ca as soon as possible and no later than August 31, 2014

I understand that if the image or writing offered is selected, it will be published in the PEI Family Violence Preventions Services book project. It may also be used for promotional purposes of the book. My donation is without restriction and unconditional, effective as of this date.

Signed _____ Dated _____