

## More Safe House Spaces for families fleeing abuse

The Salvation Army and representatives from the provincial and federal governments today celebrated the opening of a new 22-bed transition house providing women and their children a safe place when leaving an abusive home. The expansion has allowed the Salvation Army Kate Booth House to double the current capacity.



"Kate Booth House is a welcome addition to the City of Vancouver by increasing our capacity to provide much-needed services to address violence," said Vancouver Mayor Larry Campbell. "It is by all accounts more than just a house. It's a place where women and their children can feel safe and move their lives forward in a healthy atmosphere."

"Kate Booth House is a place where women can begin rebuilding their lives. Capital funding allows The Salvation Army to support more women and their children in Vancouver," said Val Anderson, MLA for Vancouver – Langara. "In addition, Kate Booth House is benefiting from an increase of \$250,000 in annual operating funds from the provincial government's stopping the violence programs, bringing their total operating funding to over \$700,000

annually. This increase will ensure the services that women and children need will be there for many years to come."



"I would like to congratulate the Salvation Army for its ongoing commitment to increasing availability of safe shelter and supports for Vancouver area women and children fleeing domestic abuse," said MP Dr. Hedy Fry, on behalf of the Honourable Joe Fontana, Minister of Labour and Housing. "The Government of Canada is proud to support Kate Booth House in making a real difference in the lives of our most vulnerable citizens."