



Our Mission

Shelter Movers is a national, volunteer-powered charitable organization that provides moving and storage services at no cost to survivors of abuse. We collaborate with local businesses and community agencies to support families transitioning to a life free of violence.

The Need

- The COVID-19 pandemic has been linked to spikes in domestic violence reports and crisis calls around the world. Thousands of women, girls, and trans and non-binary people now face a heightened risk of violence at home with COVID-19 isolation measures. Quarantines and social isolation mean that abusers and those they harm are in close proximity around the clock and other people aren't around to see the signs of violence and intervene. (Canadian Women's Foundation, 2020)
- Every day, thousands of survivors face the prospect of losing everything they own if they flee their abuse.
- A woman or girl was killed every 3 days in Canada. Where the victim-accused relationship was known 57% were intimate-partner femicide. (Canadian Femicide Observatory, 2019)
- 93,000 cases of intimate partner violence are reported annually in Canada. (Stats Canada, 2016).
- Canadians spend \$7.6 billion every year to address the effects of gender-based violence. (Justice Canada)

Our Impact

- Shelter Movers is the only service of its kind in Canada
- Currently moving +60 families each month
- Powered by +700 volunteers in Ottawa, Toronto, Halifax and Vancouver
- New chapters to open in Montreal and Waterloo Region (Summer 2020)
- +1,300 women served since establishing in 2016
- Beyond moving and storage, we offer security personnel, language interpreters and pet fostering services to meet our clients' needs.

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