



Dear friends,

I am a volunteer with Anova and am reaching out today to ask for your support in our upcoming annual fundraising gala.

Anova, formerly Women's Community House and Sexual Assault Centre London is a charitable non-profit organization. We work to create a future without violence by supporting survivors of gender based violence through shelter and counselling, and engaging in prevention education training. Anova operates one of the largest high security shelters for abused women and their children in Canada. We have been serving the London, Ontario community since 1978.

Gender-based violence affects us all. Any one of us could be impacted by this reality. In fact, 50% of Canadian women will experience violence in their lifetime whether in homes, workplaces and so many other purportedly safe places. When the pandemic hit Ontario, increases in gender-based violence were not far behind. For many women in our community, seeking help became even more difficult and the rate and severity of the violence they experience surged. They turned to Anova. They turned to Anova because we believe survivors. They turned to Anova because we provide safety and we can help stop the cycle. But we can't do it alone.

On October 13, 2023 Anova is hosting our 13th Annual Fundraising Gala, newly named The Giving Gala. We are excited with our theme this year, A Rhinestone Rodeo, an evening that brings together survivors and loved ones as well as community members, businesses and service clubs to celebrate the amazing strength of women in our community. Funds raised at our gala will be directly invested back into the community through shelter, support, advocacy and education.

We are reaching out to ask for your support by donating a product, gift certificate or service for our auction. Your support will help make this event a huge success!

You will benefit in the following ways from your donation:

1. Company/donor name and logo on event website
2. Company/donor name and logo visible at event
3. Recognition in event slideshow presentation

Thank you for considering a donation to our live/silent auction. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Suzie Hagan from Anova at suzieh@anovafuture.org or 519-642-3003 ext 5565.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

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