

News Release -August 2025

Anova Receives Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant to Enhance Security at Clarke Road Shelter

Anova is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to complete essential security upgrades at our Clarke Road Shelter. These enhancements will strengthen the safety and protection measures at our high-security site, ensuring a more secure environment for women and children who have experienced gender-based violence.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation's support has allowed Anova to invest in critical updates such as improved surveillance systems, reinforced entryways, and upgraded lighting—each a vital step in maintaining the safety and peace of mind of our residents and staff.

"We are deeply grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for recognizing the importance of this project," said Nikki Marsh, Fund Development & Communications Manager at Anova. "Safety is at the core of everything we do. These security improvements will help ensure that survivors can heal and rebuild their lives in a space that feels protected and secure."

By enhancing security infrastructure, this project will help Anova continue providing trauma- and violence-informed shelter, counselling, and support to individuals escaping violence. The updates reflect Anova's ongoing commitment to fostering a community where everyone feels safe, supported, and empowered.

About Anova: Anova combines over 80 years of experience and expertise in ending gender-based and sexual violence in London & Middlesex County with a primary focus on education, advocacy, shelter, and counselling. Anova offers a broad continuum of services for survivors by operating: 2 high-security shelters for women and their children; a 25-unit rent-geared-to-income apartment complex; a 24-hour Crisis and Support Line and walk-in crisis support; Sexual Assault Counselling; Community Outreach and Education Programs; Family Court Support; a Community Group Children's Program; Peer Support Programs; and a social enterprise, "Mine 101."

Media Inquiries:

Nikki Marsh

Fund Development & Communications Manager nicolem@anovafuture.org 519-642-3003 ext. 2253