

Thank you,

We would like to take some time to personally thank you for being part of our first annual Pay it Forward Gala and Fundraiser benefiting the Odyssey House. We wanted to update you on the success of the event.

With your help we were able to raise \$15,000 in cash contributions, which will be focused on providing a children's centre in the second stage housing projects which is currently underway. The second stage housing will help women leaving the emergency shelter to make a smooth shift into independent living.

The gala guests put together over \$25,000 in donated items for the 40 Pampering Baskets. These beautiful baskets will be given directly to the women residents of Odyssey House as they transition from the shelter to alternative residents.

Thanks to sponsors we were able to purchase over \$1,000 worth of toys and board games to fill the shelter's gift closet for the Children of the Odyssey House.

Many general donations of items in high demand for the Shelter were generously provided during the gala evening. These goods have been put directly in use by the many women and children currently under care at the Odyssey House.

The Odyssey House surprised the Executive Director of the SPCA when they announced the local SPCA as the beneficiary for the next years Pay it Forward Event. "From a shelter perspective we see this as an appropriate next step as research shows that family violence and animal abuse in a home can go hand in hand.." Kathy Sheppard. We are so excited to start planning our next event.

We are extremely overwhelmed by the communities support and the support of our gala organizers, volunteers and planning participants.

We could not have hosted such a great evening without you. For information on how you can be involved in the 2nd Annual Pay it Forward event contact us or stay tuned to our website, www.friesenbain.com (currently under construction) for updated details.

Thank you from the Partners and Staff of Friesen Bain Chartered Accountants