

Good Shepherd Centres, Women's Services
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To Whom It May Concern:

On Wednesday March 8th, 2023 we will celebrate International Women's Day. International Women's Day is a day of celebration as we reflect in the vast contributions of women and gender diverse individuals in the community. Further, International Women's Day is a platform for education, awareness and change; a primary focus of the planning committee.

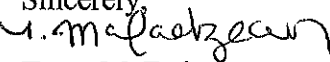
Each year, the International Women's Day committee, inclusive of various community organizations and stakeholders, works collaboratively to plan an event on March 8th, 2023. This year, Good Shepherd Women's Services is excited to step into a lead role to support the vital work of the International Women's Day committee. This year's International Women's Day theme is **#EmbraceEquity** which aligns with the goals of the Planning Committee including:

- Create a space for women and gender diverse individuals to connect and build community;
- Bring into focus the difference between equity and equality, as well as the systemic barriers marginalized communities face;
- Highlight the necessity of equity in the creation of safe, just and thriving communities for women and gender diverse individuals;

This year, we are excited to host an in-person event and are seeking donations to assist with the costs of rental space, guest speakers, entertainment, food, and supplies. If you believe your organization would be interested in contributing a financial donation to the International Women's Day event this year please contact:

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We are thankful for your organization's support, collaboration and participation on the International Women's Day planning committee.

Sincerely,

Tessa McFadzean