

Garage Sale for Shelter to Help Those Fleeing Domestic Violence in Weyburn Area

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(L-R) Laura Nieviadomy and Bree Patterson of Royal LePage Signature presented a cheque for \$823 to Christa Daku of Envision on Monday (photo by Jennifer LaCharite).

A recent donation was made to help those in the Weyburn area seeking shelter from domestic violence.

Royal LePage in Weyburn participated in the company's National Garage Sale for Shelter program in May, raising over \$800 for Envision Counselling and Support Centre.

"Because Weyburn doesn't have a specific women's shelter we got to choose what organisation in town we would like to do and Envision seemed like the best fit because they do sort of the same thing so it was a good choice for the shelter foundation," explained Bree Patterson with Royal LePage Signature.

Christa Daku, executive director for Envision Counselling said while they don't have a local shelter currently they do their best to get anyone seeking shelter from domestic violence to safety.

"If individuals are looking to flee domestic violence we are definitely the go-to agency, aside from Victim Services and the police," said Daku. "We will make arrangements to get them to safety at one of the transition houses in our area. So, Fort Qu'Appelle, Regina, and Moose Jaw are typically the ones that we will transport individuals to. A transition house in our area is definitely something that Envision has had on the radar for many years. It's not part of our strategic plan but we began gathering the data to look forward to that."

The proceeds gained through the local Garage Sale for Shelter will go towards supporting Envision clients fleeing domestic violence, such as paying for transportation and helping provide the essential needs of the clients.