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Sutton Community Barbeque to Raise \$1,000 for Family Shelter



Langley, BC – Just 35 years ago, the first women’s shelter in British Columbia opened to provide a safe haven for victims of familial abuse. Today the Ishtar Transition Housing Society provides supportive services to women, men and children. In addition to two transition houses, they run programs such as “Boundaries and Beginnings” and “Children Who Witness Abuse”. Sutton Group – West Coast Realty hopes to raise \$1,000 for this charity at their community appreciation barbeque, raffle and auction on August 23.

“We hope it will be a great turn-out for the event and a reminder of the important work being done at the Ishtar Transition Housing Society,” says Jill Sinclair, a REALTOR® at Sutton Group – West Coast Realty. “It’s unfortunate that as a community we need such a service, but the reality is that we do, and Ishtar Transition Housing Society is truly a haven of support and love.”

“Our goal is to raise \$1,000 and so far we have champagne baskets, wine sets, and gift certificates for the raffle and auction. I’d like to thank Sonoma Grill Lounge and Banquet Room, Peter F. Pook Insurance, Luxe Restaurant, Flowers & Company, Jessi Johnson, Superior Home Inspections, and Well Seasoned. Donations are needed!”

All of the REALTORS® at Sutton Group - West Coast Realty have been invited along with their clients, friends and the public to make it a successful event. Many of Jill’s colleagues have also generously volunteered to donate food for the event.

The barbeque takes place on August 23, 2008 from 11am to 2:30pm in front of the office at #156 – 19653 Willowbrook Drive in Langley. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Jill at 604-533-3939. Maintaining healthy families is a cause close to Jill’s heart; she also serves on the Board of Directors for Touchstone Family Association in Richmond. “At Touchstone, we believe that ‘family is your first community’ and we want to help strengthen those ties.”

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