**News Release**

**Avalon Sexual Assault Centre to receive over $10,000 from 100+ Women Who Care Halifax**

Monday, March 6, 2023 (Halifax, NS) – At the 41st 100+ Women Who Care Halifax (100+WWCH) meeting, the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre was selected as the recipient of over $10,000.

In addition to the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre, the other presenting charities included [Family SOS](https://www.familysos.ca/about) and [Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes](https://epilepsymaritimes.org/).

“This donation will help get an emergency fund created at Avalon Sexual Assault Centre, to help address the immediate resources and supports needed for those individuals impacted by sexualized violence,” says Kristina Fifield, Provincial Community Program Coordinator and Therapist at Avalon Sexual Assault. “Avalon can expand services, by continuing to be supported by the community and we thank 100+ Women Who Care Halifax for all of the amazing work that you all continue to do for our community.”

The Avalon Sexual Assault Centre will share the funds with the other two presenting charities, Family SOS and Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes. The Avalon Sexual Assault Centre believes that both of these community organizations provide vital services to the community and by sharing the funds, this is one small way for Avalon to show appreciation for all the amazing work done by our community partners.

The Avalon Sexual Assault Centre will use their portion of the funds to start an emergency fund to support individuals who have been impacted by sexualized violence who are in immediate need of such things as transportation, relocation funds, safe accommodations, and food insecurities.

The Avalon Sexual Assault Centre will return to the next 100+WWCH meeting in June 2023 to update 100+WWCH members on how the funds were used.

“We are thrilled to be celebrating this milestone of 10 years of giving, and look forward to 10 more,” says Colette Robicheau, Founder of 100+WWCH. “Over the past decade, our 100+WWCH members have donated over $650,000 to 40 local charities who have made positive impacts in our communities.”

“We want to recognize and thank our premiere sponsor, The Hydrostone Market, and our annual sponsor, Pamela Chisholm. They have given us outstanding support for this meeting and throughout the year,” says 100+ Women Who Care Co-Chair Charlene Fekeshazy.

**About 100+WWCH**

100+WWCH is a volunteer-run giving circle that supports local non-profit organizations in the Halifax Regional Municipality. 100+WWCH members meet four times a year, in March, June, September and December. At each meeting, a nominated charity is awarded over $10,000. 100 per cent of the money donated at our meetings goes directly to the recipient charity.

100+WWCH is celebrating 10 years of giving. Over the past decade, 100+WWCH members have donated $650,000 to 40 local charities. Past recipients can be found at: [100womenhfx.com/recipients](https://www.100womenhfx.com/recipients).

For further information visit: [100womenhfx.com](https://www.100womenhfx.com/). Updates are shared on [@100WomenHalifax](https://twitter.com/100womenhalifax) on Twitter, [@100WomenHalifax](https://www.facebook.com/100WomenHalifax) on Facebook and [@100womenhalifax](https://www.instagram.com/100womenhalifax) on Instagram.

**About the recipient, Avalon Sexual Assault Centre**

The Avalon Sexual Assault Centre is a feminist organization working to eliminate sexual assault/abuse, and to change the current socio-political culture that fosters sexism, social injustice and other forms of oppression. To learn more, visit [avaloncentre.ca](https://avaloncentre.ca/), or follow the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre on Twitter ([@centreavalon](https://twitter.com/CentreAvalon)), Facebook ([@centreavalon](https://www.facebook.com/CentreAvalon)) or YouTube ([@avalonhfx](https://www.youtube.com/user/avalonhfx)).

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