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## December 6 Fund finds a new home at YWCA Toronto

On April 1, 2007, the December 6 Fund will become part of YWCA Toronto's family of programs, and will be renamed "YWCA December 6 Fund."

"The December 6 Fund is a vital resource for women fleeing violence," says Heather McGregor, YWCA Toronto CEO, "more than 650 women have directly benefited from these interest-free loans, allowing them to set up safe new homes for themselves and their children. We are proud to continue the work initiated by their dedicated and passionate Board of Directors."

Established in 1989, in commemoration of the 14 young women murdered at Montreal's École Polytechnique on December 6, the Fund has always been sustained on the fundraising efforts of volunteers and the generosity of the community but never received government support. Last year, 79 women and 111 children benefited directly from over \$52,000 in loans.

"We have found a new home in YWCA Toronto, a like-minded organization that will nurture the Fund and see it grow," says Jane Koster, December 6 Fund Board President. "We feel safe in their capable hands."

The mission of the Fund will remain the same: to help women make the transition from abusive situations to safety and self-reliance. YWCA Toronto will continue to raise money to make loans available to women leaving abusive situations. This is an exciting opportunity to further the advocacy work of YWCA Toronto and help women start new lives, free of violence.

YWCA Toronto has been a turning point for women and girls for over 130 years, providing housing and support, employment and skills development, girls and family programs to over 26,000 people each year. For more information visit [www.ywcatoronto.org](http://www.ywcatoronto.org).

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