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Hello Dwight,

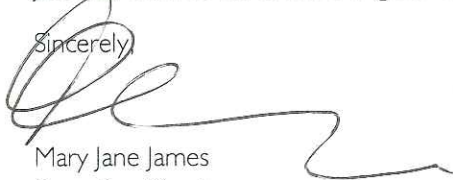
On behalf of everyone connected with the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton, I wish to, once again, extend my deepest, and most heartfelt, thanks to each and every member of 100 Men YEG for selecting SACE as your charity of choice at the joint meeting of Chicks with Cheques and 100 Men YEG on July 12th.

SACE is a not-for-profit charity that, since 1975, has been providing trauma-informed education, crisis support and counselling services to victims of sexual assault and abuse over the age of three, of all genders. We are the only agency in our City that provides this extensive range of services to our community at no fee. Information contained in a recent Statistics Canada study stated that Edmonton has the highest number per capita of police-reported sexual assaults compared to all other major cities in Canada. Additionally, Police Chief Rod Knecht recently reported that reports of sexual assault had increased 13.5% this year over last. Given that, for a variety of reasons, only 8 – 10% of sexual assaults are reported to the police, we know how very serious and prevalent this issue is. Requests for counselling services at our agency increased 53% over last year. The demands on our services are making it increasingly difficult to accommodate all of the clients who, in combination with other counselling sessions with one of our 14 Psychologists on staff, are able to access the trauma modalities of play and/or art therapy in the one room that we currently have available for this purpose. We are using the money donated through your joint initiative towards building a much-needed second art and play therapy room. We are hopeful that we will have this additional space fully functional within the next few months.

With 1 in 3 women and girls, and at least 1 in 6 boys and men, experiencing sexual violence at some point in their lifetime, this is an issue that impacts every individual, every family and every community. With statistics as high as they are, we all know someone who has been affected by this crime. The support received from 100 Men YEG gives us the confidence and determination to continue with providing professional crisis support and counselling services to the many individuals in our community who are impacted a crime that, for so many, ripped their lives apart in ways that we will never truly understand. We are very grateful for your generosity, your trust, and most importantly, your recognition of the work that we do.

Again, and on behalf of the hundreds of clients that we are privileged to support, thank you. Your support and donation has echoed our agency's message to our community that "we can all do something". On July 12th, 100 Men YEG did just that, and we will be forever grateful.

Sincerely,



Mary Jane James
Executive Director