

Program Services Description

CCAA offers a full and comprehensive array of program services to address the needs of both children and adults.

We believe that with a little bit of kindness and respect, we can make such an enormous difference in the lives of severely abused/neglected children and adults.

With the support of our very kind donors, these programs don't just help – they transform lives. It brings light to where there was darkness, it brings hope to where there was despair and it brings peace to where there was terror.

In memory of Martin Kruze, the Martin Arnold Kruze Memorial fund was set up in association with the Toronto Maple Leafs, and the Kruze family. All of the money that is raised through the Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness is donated to this fund which is then directed to our programs.

Program Services Breakdown

<i>Children</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>General Outreach</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Derringer's Dream Wishes ☞ Holiday Helpers ☞ Camp Funding ☞ Huggum's Hope Memorial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Emergency Funding ☞ Maple Leaf Gardens Therapy Program ☞ Martin Kruze Memorial Scholarships ☞ Fairview's Women Mentoring Women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ DREAMBUILDS ☞ Guidebook to Recovery ☞ Product Distribution ☞ Public Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy Program • Martin's Hope Report ☞ Resource & Referral ☞ Upgraded Interview Rooms for Victims ☞ Workshops/Conferences
<p>Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Bear Hugs ☞ Community Hugs 	<p>Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ "A Time for Men" Peer Drop-in Group 	

Applying for our Programs

All of our programs are geared to helping people who find themselves affected by, or exposed to, severely abusive situations. We also assist organizations, groups and other non-governmental agencies with financial assistance through our programs and activities. Feel free to visit our website www.ccfaa.com or www.abusehurts.com by clicking on our programs and services button at anytime.

Referrals will only be accepted from a referring source that has credibility e.g. anyone working in: frontline non-profit organizations that deal with abuse issues, medical professionals, clergy or schools. No applications will be accepted from individual applicants. Individuals will be asked to speak with a professional referral source and have the referral submitted through their company.

Submitting

Please submit all requests in writing on company letterhead, ensuring that all of your own contact information is included. You can fax or email the request to 905-967-0825 or andrea@ccfaa.com.

Outreach Programs

- ☞ Give an outline of your request by describing which program you would like to be a part of,
- ☞ who it will be affecting,
- ☞ why you are applying for help from our agency and
- ☞ a very quick budget detailing how the money will be used.

Agencies Making Referrals

Please be sure that you are submitting people who are in severe situations only. We leave this decision up to frontline workers; however, there may still be questions from the Program Manager to ensure compliance.

- ☞ Please detail, as much as you can, the specific client's situation. This information is crucial in our determination of acceptance into the program requested.
- ☞ Specify the program you would like them to be a part of
- ☞ Include their contact information. If you require a release of confidentiality form to be completed, please call to request this information separately.
- ☞ Once we have received your letter, and if the client is accepted, there will be an application sent to you for completion.

You, as the person involved with the family/individual/group, will be expected to facilitate the request at your end, however, if this is something you believe you just do not have time to complete, please know that we are able to help from our office as well provided there is disclosure to the client prior to our contact. We prefer to supply you with the tools to use within your own program with the family/individual/group.

Children's Programs

Derringer's Dream Wishes

Bringing smiles to children through a wish experience is a powerful way to affect their lives for years to come.

We strive to empower children with the gift of choice.

It is very difficult for children in abusive situations to believe that others out there care enough to ensure that their very wish comes true. Helping to rebuild that belief is crucial in their ability to heal and to learn how to trust is also so important.

Currently our Derringer's Dream Wishes program is reserved for children between the ages of 4 – 19 (up to their 20th birthday) and for children who have been through or witness to severely abusive and/or neglectful situations.

We leave the options as open as possible for the children and try very hard to facilitate their first request, however there are some items we are not able to provide and those are as follows: weapons of any kind, motorized vehicles, living accommodations, large animals like horses, wishes involving travel requirements and this list is always growing as we allow the discretion of the Program Manager to determine whether a wish is possible based on many other sets of criteria and ability of the family.

Some of the common dream wishes include computers, bikes, TV-DVD combos, a trip to see a movie in a movie theatre for someone who's never been to the movies before and many more.

Holiday Helpers

Each year we try to help as many families through the holiday season as possible. This help is comprised of different requests but primarily deals with giving the parents/guardians gifts to be given as their own gifting, food and perhaps gift certificates. These packages that are sent out to the families are always way more than they have requested.

Once all of our families who have requested help during this time frame are completely looked after we then go out to the agencies and offer them the opportunity to put in a request for packages. All donations come to us from private individuals and corporate donations and all too often in an over abundance so we ensure that the items are shared and make it out to as many individuals as possible.

Camp Funding

Providing a camp experience for children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to go to camp or providing funding to agencies that have a shortfall in their own budget.

Huggum's Hope Memorial

Babies that have been abandoned at birth and subsequently succumb to the unfortunate neglect are often left unclaimed at the coroner's office. This is viewed in our office as the earliest stage of abuse that leaves children with no regard or respect.

After conversations with Ontario's Chief Coroner we've received permission to claim these little lost angels and give them a dignified resting place, Huggum's Hope Memorial, because "You Matter – We Care".

Bear Hugs

Scared, alone, and traumatized by what has just happened - imagine being a child during the holiday season that has just been taken from their home because they need to be kept safe. This happens more often than we would like, unfortunately it is necessary in many cases. We offer our police services, Children's Aid workers and emergency care gives the opportunity to take with them one of our Huggum Bear plush toys with a hand-made blanket provided to us from Project Linus. Huggum Bear is our mascot and he was developed because Martin Kruze had a toy bear when he was a child called Huggie, so in honour of Huggie we developed our mascot Huggum Bear, the bear who gives safe hugs.

Community Hugs

The gift of pleasure, how simple some of these things we take for granted seem so incredibly out of reach for others; A trip to the movie theatre with your family as a night out, perhaps a day at a spa to relieve some tension and build self esteem, playing a round of mini golf on a nice summer night or perhaps meeting some new people at a planned event for the day while children play in a safe environment. These are just a very few of the activities that we plan for our families. The idea driving this program is to give families the simple pleasures in life that they are not able to afford but are so important for families to experience together.

Community partnering is key in this program as we depend on local venues to help us plan these special day trips.

Some of the events that we've done to date are Annual Family Boat Cruise, David Bowie tickets, Disney On Ice tickets, Maple Leaf's Hockey Box, Toronto Raptor's Basketball tickets/boxes, Wonderland days and participating in the Air Canada Dreams Take Flight One Day Trip to Disney World in multiple provinces.

Adult's Programs

Emergency Financial Assistance

Having to leave your current living situation isn't easy, along with the many fears and uncertainties that there are, the absolute inability to save enough money for first and last months rent is enough to keep some people in bad situations. Once a person has made the decision to leave their living situation and have found themselves in an emergency shelter, if they are having difficulty putting this money together we will help. People must be in high risk situations in order to qualify for this program.

If a family is living on their own and in a high risk situation, sometimes bills and simply purchasing food is overwhelming and they are just not able to put the money out that is required. We will help.

There are many different scenarios that can be listed however the nature of this fund is based on emergency need due to high risk situation, whatever that might be. Examples of some grants to date are paying for hydro for a 6 month period, food for 6 months, transportation passes for the year to make it to high school, and moving expenses to help someone move out of a bad situation.

Fairview's Women Mentoring Women

Finding your way into a new world after leaving the safe haven of a women's shelter can be more than intimidating. This program has been developed with new beginnings in mind, bringing women to Fairview Mall in Toronto for a total make-over will only help to provide a new found confidence that is required to look for gainful employment.

Maple Leaf Gardens Therapy Program - Survivor Support Services

The Centre has managed all the therapy for the men that were abused at Maple Leaf Gardens who have applied to this fund for help. We continue to get calls for help, and 8 new survivors' came forward during 2004. The Centre was also responsible for managing the trust fund that was set up for the Maple Leaf Garden's survivors who settled out of court.

Martin Kruze Scholarship Fund

Trying to rebuild your life after coming to terms with the abuse experienced as a child is often one of the most difficult things for any adult to overcome. After going through the counseling, workshops, groups we've found that there is a huge need to help people take the next step towards building a new life. This new step is often education, we will provide a one time scholarship grant of up to \$2,500 to further life skills for the adult or an adult member of the child's immediate family, therefore enhancing the adult's ability to seek and gain future employment in the work force and better supply the necessities in life not only for themselves but also for those affected around them.

"A Time for Men" Peer Drop-in Group

We are offering a weekly meeting for adult male survivors, who are looking for support. This time is designed to offer survivors the opportunity of meeting with other survivors to help provide support to each other. Each individual will be interviewed by a therapist prior, to ensure that they are a good fit for the group and that the group is a good fit for them.

General Outreach Program's

Special Projects

During 2004, we raised money in partnership with Q107 Radio, to help raise over \$250,000 for Louise Russo, a victim of a violent shooting to help support her and her family. We continue to advocate on behalf of victims.

DREAMBUILDS

With a vision of helping to calm the environment where victims give their statements or live, we offer the designing and redesigning of existing interview rooms, shelters or individuals rooms. These rooms could include distractive entertainment for children while they await their turns to tell their story in court, beautiful calming murals to envelope the cameras so that the victims do not feel intimidated by the daunting task that lays ahead, comfortable furniture so when they are disclosing they again feel at home in the environment and comfort blankets to use at the discretion of the individual – sometimes just having something soft to hang onto helps. Currently we have launched our first interview room at the Toronto Police Services Building in the Sex Crimes Unit which features a beautiful painting donated by Ian Leventhal who is known for his work with Second Cup Coffee and Pickle Barrel Restaurants.

Shelters that have been upgraded: North York Women's Shelter in Toronto, the Yellow Brick House and working towards Durham Youth Housing & Support Services.

Inara is a young lady whose father threw her off a very busy overpass in Toronto onto incoming traffic on a very busy highway during rush hour. Thankfully Inara survived however had a very difficult time moving past the trauma, her external injuries are completely healed however the psychological effect continues. When Inara wished for a Princess bedroom for the Holiday Season, we were very happy to go in and not only help with the bedroom but completely renovated the entire apartment. We are working on the last element of this build – the kitchen and anticipate completion in the fall.

A Guidebook to Recovery – Roadmaps in the Journeys of Survivors

We provide at no cost a handbook which was underwritten by Homewood Health Services. This book is full of excellent clinical information, stories and resources to help an adult survivor on their journey to recovery.

Product Distribution

Our agency often receives items in mass so instead of trying to give out contacts to each of the donors individually we act as a clearing house of sorts. We have a listing of agencies that are active that we call out when we have a large number of items received. They in turn receive the opportunity to come in to our offices and pick up whatever they might need for their own agency. Donors are welcome to give as we're happy to receive!

Public Safety - Advocacy Program

While our Advocacy Program has identified 11 categories for needed changes to our laws, there is only one objective – to better protect our children. We are committed to promoting change that will lead to a safer and more child-friendly society where children are valued highly. To do so, we have created the Advocacy Program to invite all Canadians to lend their voices to the call for change. We know that people care about children but to create change, we need everyone to actively show that caring and get involved. You can join with us by becoming a member of our Advocacy Program by visiting our website and clicking on the advocacy.

Public Safety - Martin's Hope

Report from the frontlines on legislative and policy reform to protect children is a comprehensive quality document developed from Round Table Discussions that took place in 10 major cities across Ontario in the hope that legislation can be affected. Children and people who suffer at the hands of perpetrators have very little protection therefore our legislation needs to change. CCAA is dedicated to getting this report into the hands of every political and private hand possible to effect change through legislation and awareness.

Resource/Referral

Our extensive resource database allows us to provide a comprehensive referral service to survivors who are looking for specific areas of expertise. We maintain our resources by ensuring information is up-to-date at all times and continuously searching and looking at adding new information sources that have been followed through on to ensure validity.

Workshops/Conferences

We offer workshops and forums in all areas of abuse, such as domestic, childhood abuse survivors, prevention, and professional development. We also provide funding for retreats and workshops held by other organizations. In 2005 we funded two men to participate in a very intensive retreat, and funded for a full time facilitator to participate.
