

Auction raises money for women and childrens' shelter

BY KATHY REID

A local shelter for women and children who have been victims of abuse held their second annual ArtWorks auction on November 30 to raise money for the non-profit organization. The goal was to surpass last year's total of \$9,000.

The auction, which was held at the Port Royal room of the World Trade and Convention Centre, featured 55 different pieces of art ranging from painting, photography, and pottery. The live auction sold the art donated by women from all over the Maritimes. There was also a silent auction which featured many unique items. Harpist, Nisa Howell provided live entertainment during the viewing reception.

The auction began with Master of Ceremonies, Elizabeth Logan, a local CBC Radio personality, with Brian Warshick acting as

the auctioneer.

Most of the proceeds from the fundraiser go to the housing but some go towards counselling and support services for the women and children of Alice Housing.

The Second Stage Housing is a non-profit agency for women with or without children who are fleeing from an abusive relationship. Alice Housing offers support by advocacy, counselling, education, referrals to other community agencies and assistance through the court processes. If needed, support services are also offered around parenting and self-esteem issues. It is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors with diverse backgrounds such as architecture, housing, law, finance, administration, education, health, social services and business.

Alice Housing wishes to bring freedom, peace, and happiness to these women and children. Housing and support services have been used

by over 400 families since its incorporation as W. Williams Non-Profit Housing Association in 1983.

Rosemary Brennon, the executive director of Alice Housing, says that Alice Housing was originally an affordable housing complex for women and children, and

the need became apparent for housing for women that were forced to leave.

"The housing unit offers 17 units for 17 women and their children for any one time," said Brennon. "If there is an emergency and the units are full, we have apart-

ments they can stay in."

Brennon continued to point out that fundraisers like the Artworks auction are helped considerably by various groups.

"We have had a fabulous response from the artists. A lot of people want to help Alice Housing."

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With the new year rapidly approaching, Dalhousie University is preparing for the December 31 to January 4 period. The University has taken all reasonable precautions to ensure we are Y2K compliant – all our computer and essential services are ready for the Year 2000. The University is not expecting major problems, but it is being prudent and putting plans in place.

Please be advised that, as a precautionary and personal safety measure, most buildings will be closed and elevators locked down before 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve, December 31, and put back in operation after 9 a.m. on the morning of January 1, 2000.

Security and Facilities Management crews will be on hand on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. University Computing and Information Services will bring down some essential database services, such as Banner and the financial system. They will NOT be available for several days before and after January 1. E-mail should not be affected.

Over the January 1 to 3 period, **if it becomes necessary**, information on Y2K contingency plans can be obtained at the Y2K Web site: www.dal.ca/year2000/, by calling the main switchboard at 494-2211 or by listening to CKDU Radio Station at 97.5 FM for those in its metro broadcast area.

Please note that classes for the winter term do not begin until January 10 for all faculties, except the Faculty of Medicine.

Faculty and staff are to report to work on Tuesday, January 4.



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