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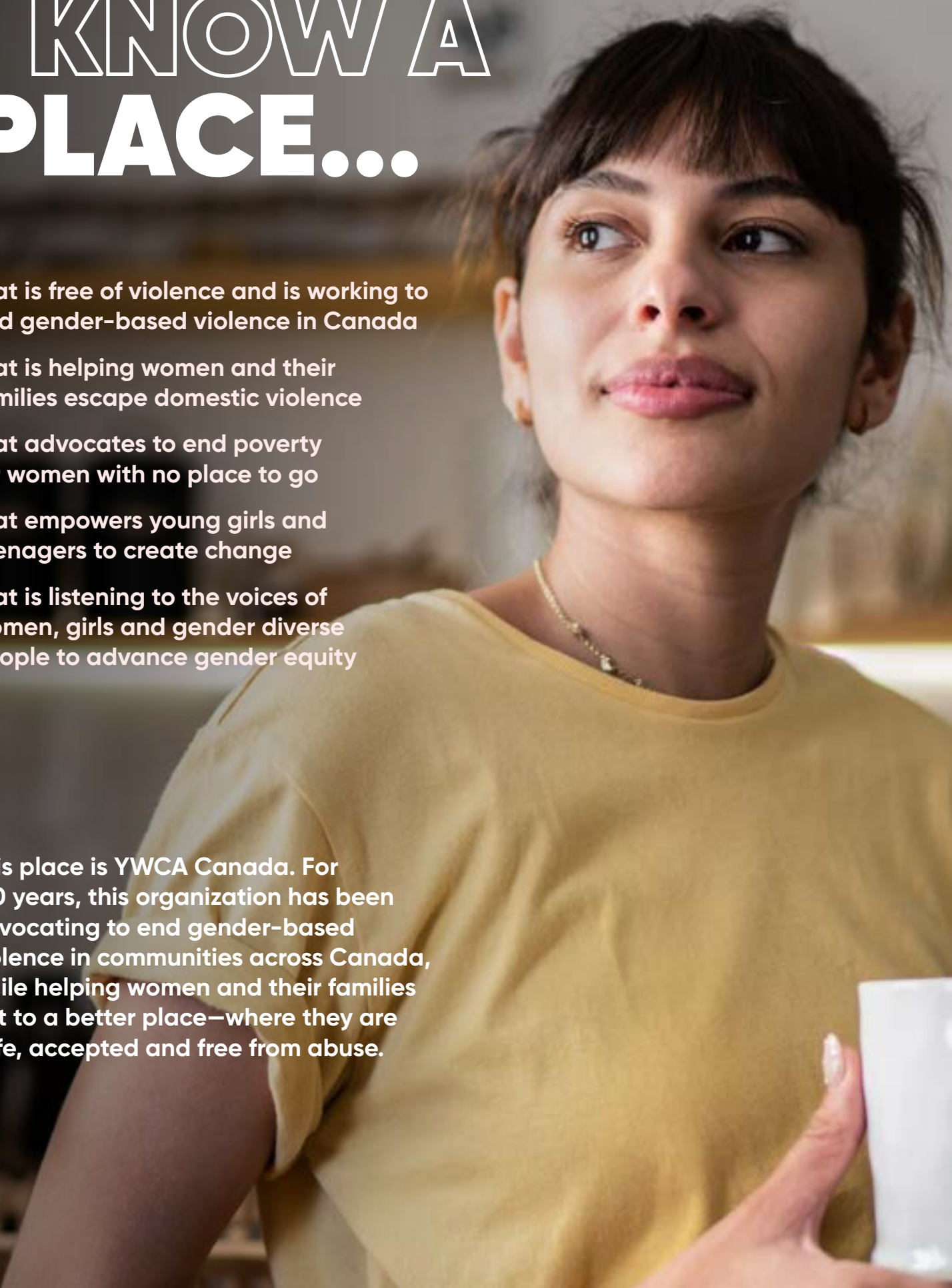
The more we raise, the more
survivors we can help



I KNOW A PLACE...

- that is free of violence and is working to end gender-based violence in Canada
- that is helping women and their families escape domestic violence
- that advocates to end poverty for women with no place to go
- that empowers young girls and teenagers to create change
- that is listening to the voices of women, girls and gender diverse people to advance gender equity

This place is YWCA Canada. For 150 years, this organization has been advocating to end gender-based violence in communities across Canada, while helping women and their families get to a better place—where they are safe, accepted and free from abuse.



YWCA CANADA WILL END GENDER- BASED VIOLENCE



Every six days, a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner.¹

Every night, approximately 6,000 women and children sleep in a shelter because home is not a safe place.²

1 in 5 of them will return to their abusers, often due to a lack of support.

And more than 1,000 women and gender diverse people will be turned away every single day from shelters because there is no room.

There is a gap in support and services for survivors urgently fleeing unsafe situations or living in emergency shelters. It's a crisis that needs to end now.

These difficult facts drive everything that YWCA Canada does, but it is only with the support of donors, partners and volunteers, that we can take action to reduce and prevent gender-based violence.

1. Joel Roy and Sharon Marcellus, Statistics Canada, 2019

2. Sara Beattie and Hope Hutchins, Statistics Canada, 2014

**Donate to help end the crisis:
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HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW

Women and gender diverse people often cannot escape intimate partner violence because they do not have the financial means to live on their own—a fact exacerbated by the housing crisis facing all of Canada. This means survivors have no choice but to stay in dangerous, abusive situations. Those who courageously find their way to an emergency shelter need to stay longer because they do not have the financial means to start over on their own. As a result, shelters are over capacity and are forced to turn families away. This is happening everywhere across Canada.



THERE IS A SOLUTION

YWCA Canada is rallying people to come together to respond to survivors' most prevalent and pressing needs. A new, first of its kind emergency fund is now available in Canada to help women, gender diverse people and their families living in a violent home.

The National Emergency Survivor Support (NESS) Fund provides an immediate one-time grant of up to \$2,000 to help survivors of gender-based violence leave abusive housing situations, emergency shelters, or unstable living arrangements.

We need your support to help sustain the NESS Fund, please support survivors today ywcacanada.ca/donate.

We all deserve to know a place that is safe from violence. A place where women, gender diverse people, and their families can find healing, hope and peace.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

"The NESS Fund helped helped me be able to move my girls out of a bad situation. It will also help me to get confidence in myself again and to be able to provide a safer home life for us all. Thank you for your help."

– Recipient, St Thomas Elgin

88%

reported that the NESS funding improved their sense of safety, confidence and stability

84%

reported they had a positive experience accessing support

80%

of recipients reported that NESS was the primary reason they were able to leave violence

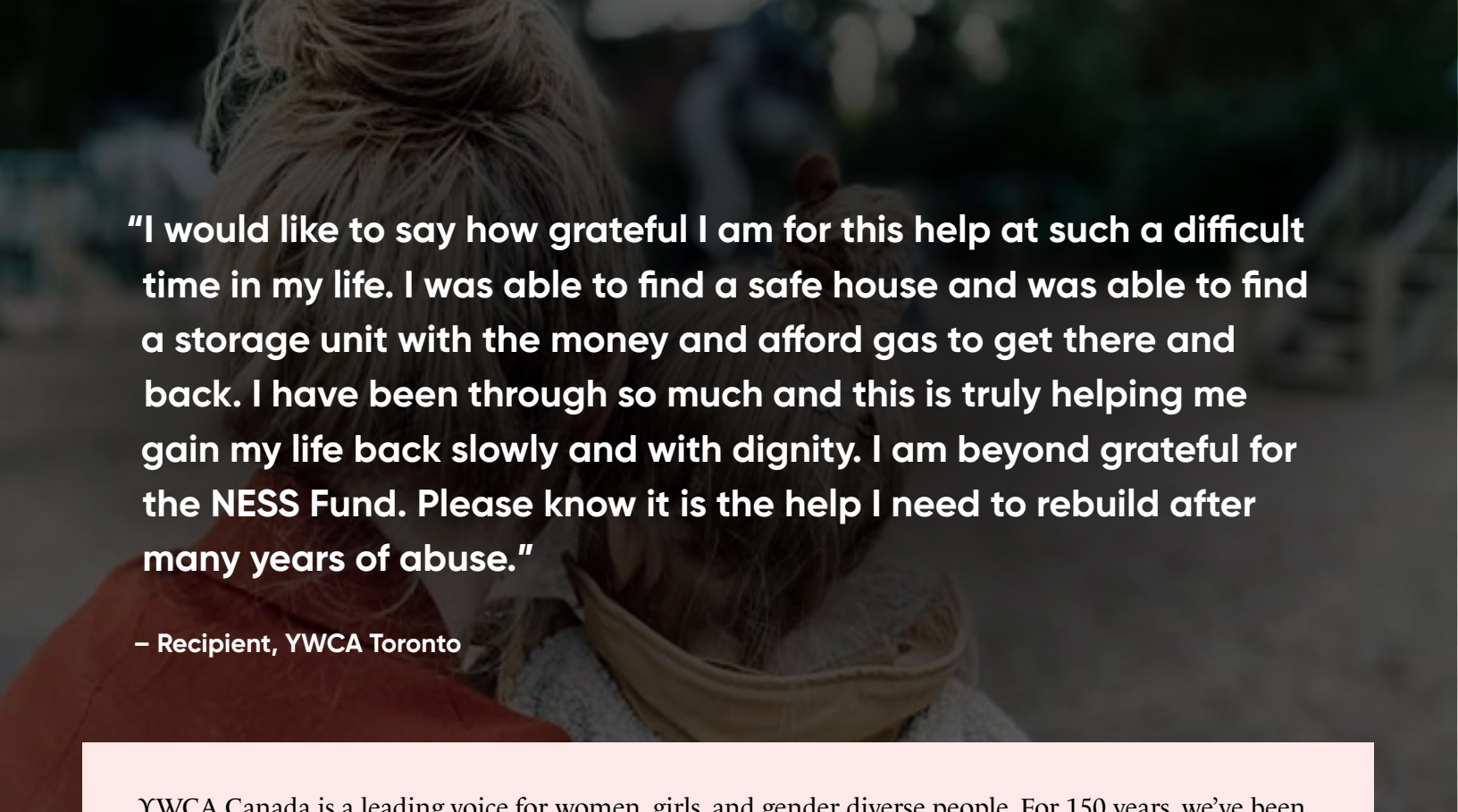
The more we raise, the more survivors we can help

The National Emergency Survivor Support Fund is a viable solution. Now we need generous donors from across Canada to ensure more survivors have access to this potential life-line. Each grant helps ease the expenses survivors face in rebuilding their lives such as housing, utilities, storage fees, furniture, and moving expenses.

Your donation will help ease their financial burden in finding freedom and will connect them to services throughout their transition, including counselling, healthcare, employment, and legal assistance as needed.

Together we can break down the financial barrier survivors face when fleeing domestic violence, ease pressure on the temporary shelter system, and break the cycle of abuse against women and gender diverse people.

**Give today at
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"I would like to say how grateful I am for this help at such a difficult time in my life. I was able to find a safe house and was able to find a storage unit with the money and afford gas to get there and back. I have been through so much and this is truly helping me gain my life back slowly and with dignity. I am beyond grateful for the NESS Fund. Please know it is the help I need to rebuild after many years of abuse."

– Recipient, YWCA Toronto

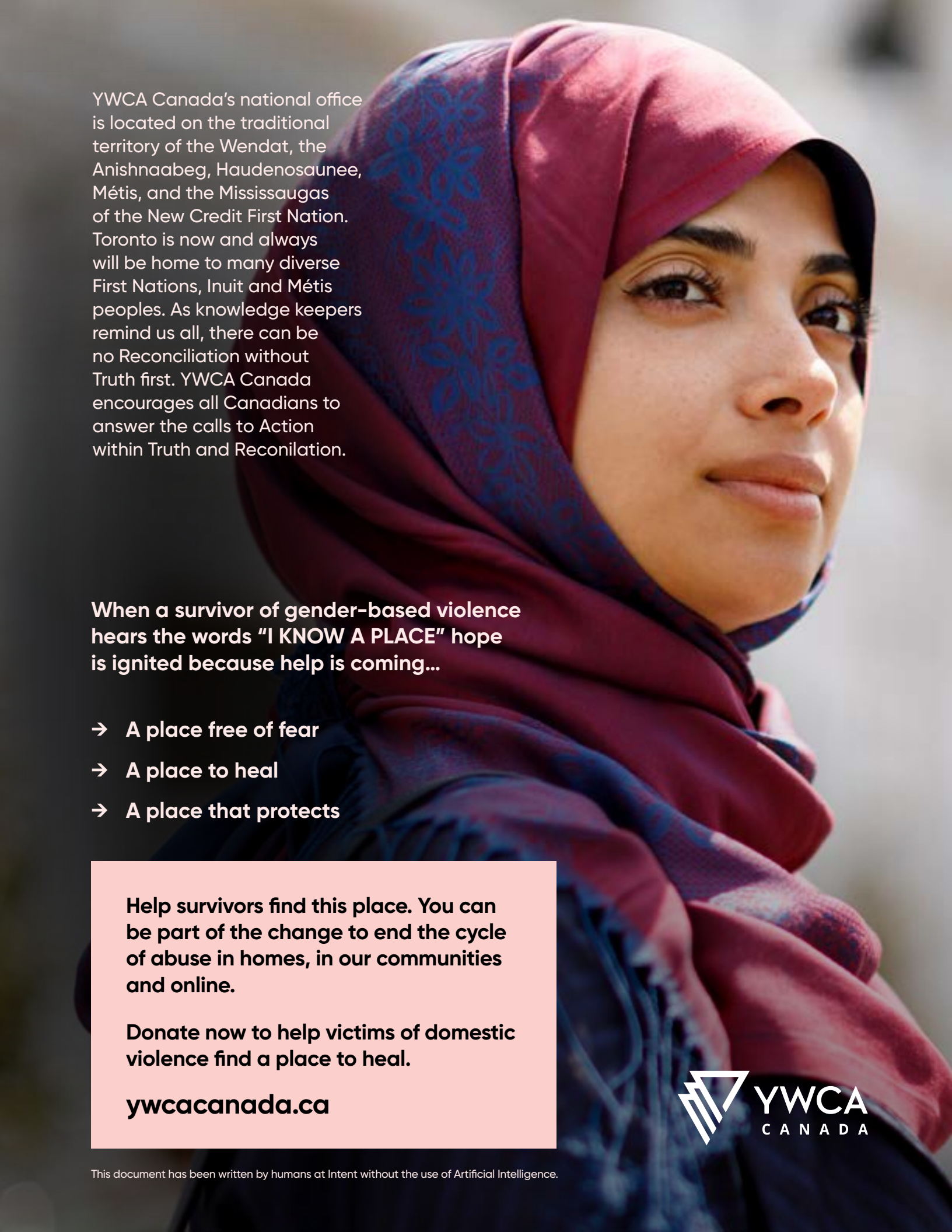
YWCA Canada is a leading voice for women, girls, and gender diverse people. For 150 years, we've been at the forefront of a movement to fight gender-based violence, build affordable housing, and advocate for workplace equity. We respond to urgent needs in communities, through national advocacy and grassroots initiatives.

Since 1873, people have been supporting YWCA Canada to have a positive impact in ending gender-based violence and advancing equity.

With donor support, YWCA Canada has made a remarkable impact:

- \$260 million invested in the community
- 330,000 women, girls and gender diverse people supported annually
- 1,200 sheltered every night
- 2,283 housing units
- 35 shelters
- 260 communities served in 9 provinces and 2 territories
- 30 member associations
- YWCA Canada is Canada's second-largest provider of childcare
- YWCA Canada is Canada's largest provider of employment and counselling programs for women
- YWCA Canada continues to equip and empower young women and gender diverse youth to lead

Please support survivors of gender-based violence today at ywcacanada.ca/donate



YWCA Canada's national office is located on the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishnaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Métis, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. Toronto is now and always will be home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. As knowledge keepers remind us all, there can be no Reconciliation without Truth first. YWCA Canada encourages all Canadians to answer the calls to Action within Truth and Reconciliation.

When a survivor of gender-based violence hears the words "I KNOW A PLACE" hope is ignited because help is coming...

- **A place free of fear**
- **A place to heal**
- **A place that protects**

Help survivors find this place. You can be part of the change to end the cycle of abuse in homes, in our communities and online.

Donate now to help victims of domestic violence find a place to heal.

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