

**Here is some sample text to promote your fundraiser! Feel free to copy and paste as much of it as you want. We encourage you to add your own personal voice. Folks in your community will be excited to hear why you are supporting survivors!**

### **Facebook Fundraiser**

I am raising money for WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre, because, in light of the economic fall-out from COVID-19, WAVAW's free-of-charge services for survivors of sexualized violence are at risk. I hope you will join me in supporting survivors at every step of their healing journey. Every single dollar will help me reach my goal - no gift is too small!

Here is a list of just some of the incredible work that WAVAW does to support survivors of sexualized violence:

- WAVAW is the only organization in the Lower Mainland to offer specialized, gender-affirming support services to all trans, non-binary, and Two-Spirit survivors of sexualized violence.
- WAVAW knows that sex work is work and trans women are women and passionately advocates for the rights of these communities
- WAVAW offers immediate crisis support through their national 24-hour crisis and information line and hospital accompaniments
- WAVAW works to end sexualized violence by doing educational outreach that addresses the root causes of violence with high schools, universities, and public and private organizations
- WAVAW has a team of compassionate and skilled Victim Services Workers who go to the hospital with survivors immediately following a sexual assault. These staffs offer emotional support, advocacy, and resources so that the survivor is not alone during one of the most challenging times in their lives
- WAVAW supports survivors that wish to report their assaults with accompaniments to police visits and court dates
- WAVAW supports Indigenous survivors through culturally-informed, Elder supported one-to-one and group counselling
- WAVAW offers free-of-charge one-to-one and group counselling to survivors of sexualized violence. There is such a demand for this that we currently have 300 people on our waitlist for counselling. The average person waits two years to receive one-to-one counselling services at WAVAW.

WAVAW does all of this, and more, without any core funding from the government, which means that WAVAW must fundraise to pay rent, keep the lights on, pay administrative expenses, and respond to the needs of the communities we serve.

I believe that this incredible work is life-saving, which is why I have chosen to fundraise for WAVAW! Will you join me in ensuring survivors can access free-of-charge support?

## **A Very Detailed Blurb About WAVAW**

WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre provides free-of-charge, gender-affirming support services to survivors of sexualized violence with shared experiences of gendered oppression including cis and trans women and trans, non-binary and Two Spirit survivors. Support services include victim services, hospital, court, and police accompaniments, and individual and group counselling. Gender-based violence is systemic, and our work goes beyond service provision to advocating for and enacting change within our society to create safer communities. Despite being BC's largest sexual assault centre, and managing a caseload of more than 300 survivors at any given time, the waitlist to access free-of-charge counselling at WAVAW is almost 2 years long. A donation of \$35 funds 1 hour of Crisis Support on WAVAW's toll-free, 24 hour a day, nation-wide Crisis and Information Line.

## **A Shorter Blurb**

WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre is a feminist, anti-oppressive, decolonizing rape crisis centre operating on unceded Coast Salish Territories. We provide free-of-charge support including a 24 hour crisis line, counselling and victim services to survivors of sexualized violence who have shared experiences of gender marginalization. WAVAW serves cis and trans women, Two-Spirit, trans and/or non-binary people. We advocate for social and systemic change through education, outreach and activism.

## **Twitter Sample Post**

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## **Snappy Points for Social Media Captions**

- WAVAW offers specialized, gender-affirming support services to all trans, non-binary, and Two-Spirit survivors of sexualized violence. WAVAW knows that sex work is work and trans women are women and passionately advocates for the rights of these communities.
- WAVAW offers immediate crisis support through their national 24-hour crisis and information line and hospital accompaniments. Our Crisis Line receives over 2,000 calls a year
- WAVAW knows that everyone has a role to play in ending sexualized violence and works to end sexualized violence by doing educational outreach that addresses the root causes of violence with high schools, universities, and public and private organizations.

- WAVAW has a team of compassionate and skilled Victim Services Workers who go to the hospital with survivors immediately following a sexual assault. These staffs offer emotional support, advocacy, and resources so that the survivor is not alone during one of the most difficult times in their lives. WAVAW's Victim Service Program is currently supporting more than 300 survivors.

- WAVAW supports Indigenous survivors through culturally-informed, Elder supported one-to-one and group counselling

- WAVAW offers free-of-charge one-to-one and group counselling to survivors of sexualized violence. The average person waits 2 years to receive one-to-one counselling services at WAVAW. This is like breaking your arm and being told that you have to wait 2 months for your ambulance to arrive.

### **Donation Break Down – Let Your Audience Know Where Their Dollars Will Go**

**\$15** – Connects a survivor with one hour of text/chat support with a Victim Service worker on WAVAW Connect

**\$35** – One hour of support on WAVAW's toll-free, nation-wide Crisis and Information Line which gets more than 2,000 calls a year.

**\$60** – Provides a survivor of sexual assault with 1 hour of one-to-one counselling

**\$100** – Covers taxi fare for x5 survivors to and from the hospital after an assault

**\$150** – Connects a survivor to support, advocacy and transportation while seeking medical attention at VGH

### **Point Form Summary Of WAVAW Services**

WAVAW provides the following services to support survivors of sexual assault:

- Virtual One-to-one Counselling and Support Groups
- 24- Hour Toll-Free, Nation-Wide Crisis & Information Line
- Text and Chat Crisis Support and Community Referrals via WAVAW Connect
- 24-Hour Hospital Accompaniment (including Transportation and Advocacy)
- Court and police accompaniment
- Culturally-Affirming Services by and for Indigenous Services
- Gender-Affirming Services by and for Queer and Trans Survivors