

Zonta Club of Ottawa, Canada news items for the District 2 Winter 2026 newsletter

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President, Renuka Gamage



Photo caption: Our club continued our support of Carty House, which operates the only homes dedicated to female refugees in Ottawa, with a \$1,500 donation to their “A Home of Our Own” campaign. Carty House was gifted a new duplex that welcomes 12 refugee women at a time, and the campaign helps cover the immediate costs of ownership.

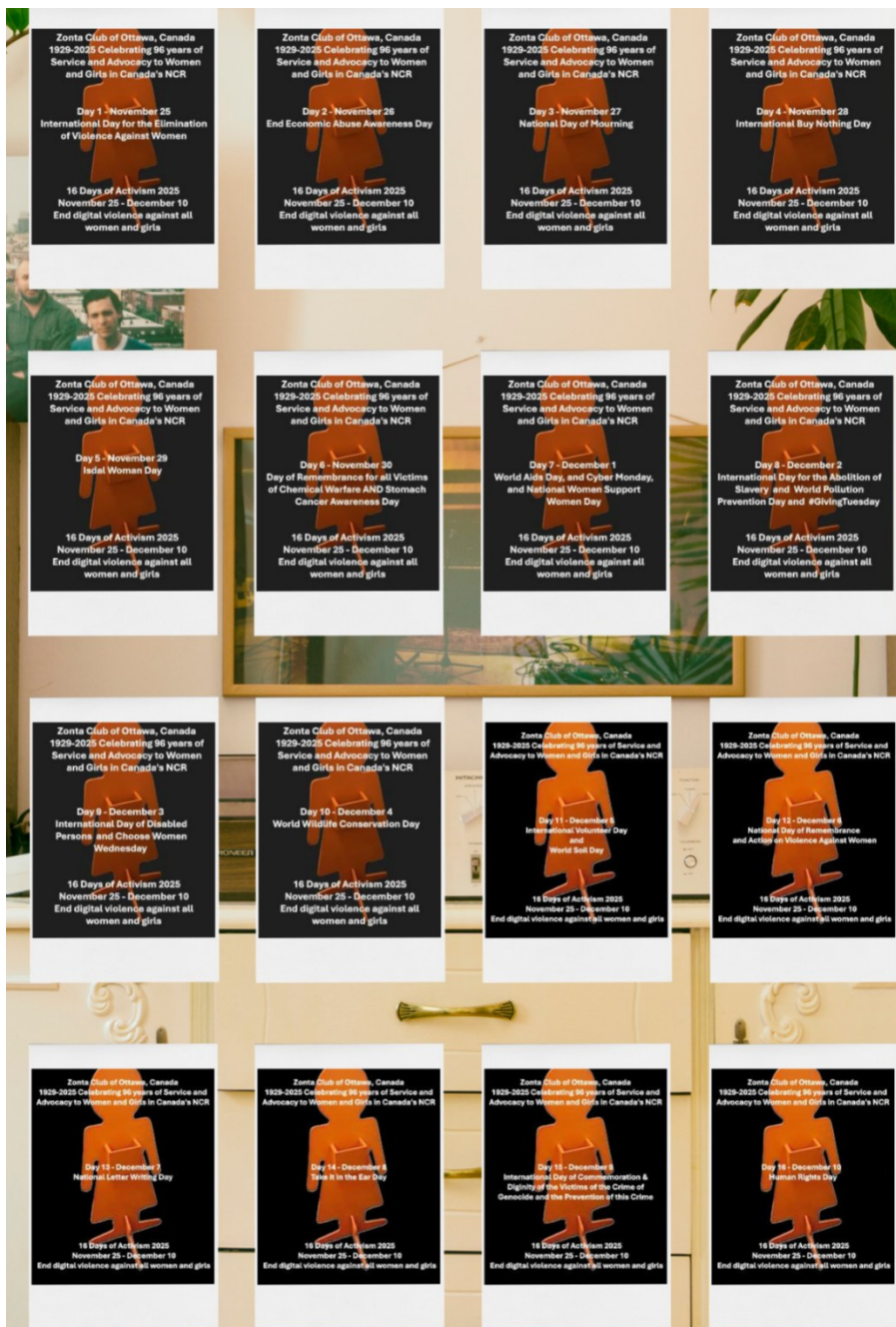


Photo caption: Our club participated in the 2025 16 Days of Activism by sharing daily Facebook and Instagram posts that paired Zonta Says No resources with related international observances, Canadian historic events, and local resources and activities.



Photo: Club members and guests gathered on December 6th for a Christmas brunch and to commemorate Canada's Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. We wore purple and orange to mark the occasion and collected donations for Cornerstone Housing for Women's Holiday Gift Program.



Dear Zonta Club of Ottawa,

We at Cornerstone want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the remarkable generosity you showed us this holiday season.

Your support means more than we can ever fully express. Because of you, we're able to keep offering the programs and services that women in our community rely on for safety, dignity, and a chance to rebuild.

You make a profound difference in the lives of women who need it most, and we are deeply, sincerely grateful.

*HAPPY
Holidays*

-The Residents & Staff at Cornerstone



Photo: Thank-you card from Cornerstone Housing for Women, a local women's shelter, for our club's donations of essential items to their Holiday Gift Program. Past President and current Board member and Treasurer of the Zonta Club of Ottawa, Canada, Cynthia O'Neil, featured in the photo below the card's text, delivered our members' contributions.

Cornerstone serves over 300 women and gender-diverse individuals daily through five locations, offering both immediate shelter and long-term housing solutions. Its services are tailored to the unique needs of women transforming their lives after homelessness.