

Charity group donates \$26,000 to Sophia Recovery Centre

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100 Women Who Care of Greater Saint John donated close to \$26,000 to the Sophia Recovery Centre on Tuesday. Stacey Doyle, executive director of the Sophia Recovery Centre receives a cheque from 100 Women Who Care co-founder Debbie Rathwell.

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SAINT JOHN • A local women's philanthropic group has donated close to \$26,000 to the Sophia Recovery Centre.

Members of 100 Women Who Care of Greater Saint John made the donation on Tuesday night at its 10th meeting.

“Women continue to be inspired by the efficient and meaningful work of our organization,” said co-founder Debbie Rathwell in a press release. “We are confident that our impact on our local charitable communities will continue to thrive for many years to come.”

The Sophia Recovery Centre is a non-residential facility on Hazen Street for women in recovery, offering continuing care and long-term treatment for women with addictions.

At every quarterly meeting, each member of 100 Women Who Care donates \$100 to a chosen charity. With 255 members, the total donation came in at \$25,781 on Tuesday, with \$81 coming from Sophie Dumouchel, who attends each meeting with her mother, and \$2,600 from a charity bazaar at Exchange on Germain.

Since its inception in June of 2013, 100 Women Who Care of Greater Saint John has donated more than \$248,000 to local charities.

Members meet for an hour to hear three five-minute presentations by local charities that have been nominated by members and randomly selected ahead of time. Members jointly select one of the three presenting local charity or not-for-profit organization by way of a vote to receive the bulk donation at the end of the presentations.

Each member then writes a \$100 cheque to the winning organization.

The process is repeated four times a year.

The greater Saint John chapter meets again on Dec. 8, 2015.

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Wonderful news - I have had the pleasure of doing some work with them through the United Way and have met the Executive Director and some of the ladies - a very deserving organization that does great work in our community. Congratulations!

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