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Lanark County Interval House Receives 50 Refurbished Cell Phones For Emergency & Safety Communications From PhoneBack, Canada

Newmarket – April 13, 2005: PhoneBack Canada, through its Charitable Recycling Program answered the call when Lanark County Interval House requested mobile phones for emergency communications to support its services to women and children at risk from domestic abuse and contact crime.

The Lanark County Interval House (LCIH) is a free service that provides safe shelter for abused women and their children. The service is available to women of any age, colour, religion or sexual orientation who are undergoing emotional, physical, sexual or financial abuse. Staff and volunteers of LCIH help in an emergency; provide woman and children a safe place to stay with counseling and support and provide the things that abused woman and children need such as food, clothing and legal advocacy. The Interval House also holds support groups where women from the community who have the same experiences meet every week to support each other and learn how to take control of their lives and offers a child and youth outreach program.

“We believe a woman and her children have the right to live their lives with dignity and without the threat of abuse. When this basic right is denied or interfered with, we offer protection and support. Cell phones play a crucial role in providing this support and in safety planning with our high risk rural women,” says Ella Hamilton of The Lanark County Interval House.

PhoneBack Canada and The Charitable Recycling Program provide mobile phone recycling and recovery services uniquely combined with community fundraising initiatives for charities, community and service groups throughout Canada. In association with its sister organization, The Wireless Source, a leading international recycler and remanufacturer of cellular phones and accessories, recovered cell phones are refurbished or renewed and are remarketed in emerging countries where there are few or no land (wire) lines or where the price of a new cell phone is unaffordable. Some cell phones are also donated to shelters, clinics and groups where there is an economic necessity for both safety and communications. Shelters often use them for abused adults and children so they may have 911 (emergency only) communication or they are provided to medical patients who are awaiting organ transplants.

“We are proud to be able to help support a crucial community service such as the Lanark County Interval House”, say Wendy Weis, Program Director, The Charitable Recycling program of Canada. “Our ‘Certified Refurbished’ cell phones, supplied with a new battery, charger and operating manual help meet the needs of those requiring emergency (911) communications which do not require carrier subscription or phone registration”.

Lanark County Interval House (LCIH), which first opened its doors to abused women and their children in 1979 has a lot to celebrate. Over the past quarter century, it has sheltered more than 5,000 women and children and provided support to thousands more who have called its crisis line or used its outreach services.

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