

# Hate, Gender-Based & Family Violence

With rising incidents of hate, gender-based, and family violence across Waterloo Region, support for victims of violence, crime, and discrimination is more critical than ever. Through community education, awareness building, and access to essential resources, individuals are empowered to escape dangerous situations and rebuild their lives in safety.

## \$213,000

was invested into supports related to hate, gender-based and family violence.

**1,498\***  
individuals accessed supports related to hate, gender-based & family violence.

### United Way focuses on:

- Supports and services related to abuse/violence
- Services for women and other diverse gender identities
- Services to address discrimination and hate crimes
- Domestic violence shelter
- Current/historical trauma for people experiencing oppression, including people who identify as Black, Indigenous, Racialized, 2SLGBTQ+, people with disabilities, newcomers and refugees, and intersectional identities

“Without this funding, racialized and 2SLGBTQ+ survivors would have faced significantly longer wait times to access trauma-informed counselling. This delay in support would have further compounded the impacts of sexual trauma, particularly for individuals already navigating intersecting forms of oppression. The funding made it possible for our agency to reduce barriers, provide timely and affirming care, and uphold our commitment to equitable access for those most impacted by systemic oppression.

- Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region”

### Funded Partners

Women's Crisis Services OF WATERLOO REGION

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## What we know



In a survey by Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario:

- **72%** of research participants shared they moved out because of gender-based violence.



- **70%** of surveyed survivors identified as women; **16%** as transgender



- **59%** of survivors interviewed spent months to years couch surfing after leaving.

## Outcomes



“With the generous support of United Way WRC, we completed 181 moves since July 1, 2024, helping 364 survivors and their children begin a new chapter in safety. This also included moving 66 beloved pets, an often over-looked barrier to leaving for survivors. This work was made possible by over 100 trained volunteers donating their time and compassion.”