

SPRING IS IN FULL BLOOM AT

# SHIFRA HOMES



## HELLO SPRING!

We are all so excited to be getting back to some form of normal after the past 2 years. This pandemic has made us realize how many things we have taken for granted and how quickly things can change with no warning. We are so happy that we have weathered this storm successfully.

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## 2021 BABIES

**Scarlett-** January

**Leighton-** April

**James-** April

**Eliyahu-** July

**Daniel-** October

**Iyla-** October

**Cecilia-** November





## WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Congratulations to Nancy Romic, our Executive Director of Shifra Homes for winning the 2022 YWCA Women of Distinction Community Leadership-Halton Award! Nancy is a champion of young women who are often marginalized and disenfranchised and is an advocate for several important social issues. Nancy works hard to fight for the protection of the most vulnerable members of our community by providing support and ensuring the success of these young mothers and babies.

## 100 WOMAN WHO CARE OAKVILLE

100 Women Who Care Oakville and the amazing, caring women chose Shifra Homes to donate their money to. We received a record-breaking donation. The members all contributed, one member personally matched the donation, and then her charity matched the donation. Thank you so much to everyone!

**Members: \$9,250**

**Megan Hagarty Smith - \$9,250**

**The Smith Family Foundation- \$9,250**

**WE RECEIVED: \$27,750**



Tionna, Jon, Nancy Romic, Keisha & James, Naomi, Michaela Hutchison, Catherine Smith

## CHRISTMAS 2021

I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many amazing people, schools, families, businesses, and organizations that made Christmas a fairy tale for our young moms and children. The unbelievable joy and excitement that we witnessed was priceless. Your donations and gifts demonstrated that there are amazing people in our community that genuinely care about those less fortunate. The holidays are a time for family. Your actions made each mother feel like she belonged to a large extended family. Words will never be adequate to THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity in making Christmas a beautiful memory that has left imprints on their hearts! Thank you to our Christmas 2021 supporters:

- Julie Rock Photography and friends
- Halton Region Paramedics
- Holy Trinity Catholic High School
- Adele Morley and family
- Greg Kielberger Highschool Milton Teachers and Students
- Siobhan Smith and friends
- Lakemount Worship Centre
- Charmaine Caracciolo and friends
- Kimberly Jukica and Home School Mom's
- U11 Black Raiders Hockey Team Burlington
- Laura Arquelia Ruiz Munoa and friends
- Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School
- Marty Bruins and Bible Study Group
- CIBC Private Wealth Wood Gundy

- The May Court Club of Oakville
- Sandi Saad and friends
- Sebastian Arnold
- MADabolic Burlington
- Marilu's Market
- Sandro Rajkovic and Family
- Women's Centre of Halton
- Stephanie Castell
- Faith CRC- GEM Girls
- Wanda Punga
- Paul O'Brien
- Pack a Bag Milton
- Fresh Start Burlington
- Halton Shoebox
- Salvation Army
- Henderson Partners



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITIES COUNCIL 5073

Shifra Homes would like to acknowledge and most importantly thank the KOC who so generously purchased new beds, bed frames and bedding for the residents of the home. The young women said that they had the best sleep ever on their new beds.



Knights of Columbus, Paul O'Brien, Nancy Romic, Shelby & Chanel, Amy, Eliyahu



Heather Vanderkruk & baby James

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers play an integral part of the day-to-day life at Shifra Homes. They dedicate their time, care and love to our residents, babies, and the staff. We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers that make a difference in our lives. We would like to recognize:

- Dr. Elizabeth Caruana
- Heather Vanderkruk
- Ron Faubert
- Bill Leggit
- Lorna Dueck
- Cathy Lanc
- Craig MacPherson
- Sande MacGregor
- Alex Glugosh
- Andrea Bremer
- Becky Lang
- Lisa Toth
- Julia England
- Ella England

## OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS



- St. Paul the Apostle Parish
- Central Burlington Women's PROBUS Club
- Bethel Christian Reform Church Acton
- Bethel Christian Reform Church Waterdown
- Wellspring Church
- Knox Presbyterian Church
- Lions Club of Oakville

### Personal (Donors over \$5,000):

- June & Ian
- Timothy & Catherine O'Brien
- Jon Moore & Family
- Megan Hagarty Smith
- Terrance & Cynthia MacGibbon





# NANCY ROMIC

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



One way to measure success is through the number of positive impacts we have on those around us. This year I felt that instead of writing a personal message I would provide you with a heartfelt message from a young mom and her interpretation of her lived experience at Shifra. Each and everyone of you who are reading this newsletter are a part of this positive transformation in this young mother's life.

*"Nancy, you seem very busy lately, so I wanted to say, I love you! You truly are my angel from God. I'm not even a very religious person so when I say that I don't say it lightly. You took me in when I was broken, I thought beyond repair. I lost all hope, until the day I met you and walked into Shifra house and was given the tour. That day I knew I had to be there. For some reason I knew if I could just get in there I could do it. I knew the work I had to do. Because of You, Jon, Amy, and Felicia not only was I able to accomplish my personal goals but you guys showed me love, compassion, and you guys truly cared about me and my kids. You showed me it wasn't just about doing the motions to get things done, you helped me piece my life back together and even better than before. A little bit of love goes a long way! You work so hard to get things for us and the girls that come and go through the house so we can have everything we need and more, even when some don't appreciate it... not only the house and the connections you have worked hard to get and maintain for Shifra house but my whole apartment and everything in here is proof of how hard you work. You have done so much for me and my children. You always had my back, and You continue to do so, I appreciate everything you and everyone at Shifra homes does for me and my kids. Thank you for literally everything!! I love you xoxo"*

There is no greater honour than helping someone at their time of need. Shifra Homes allows these young women and babies to write a different story in their book of life. Each child deserves the best start in life and thanks to all of you, these babies will never know that they came into this world in what should have been difficult circumstances. Your support provides a future with endless possibilities for our moms and babies. Thank you for believing in all of us and providing us with the opportunity to serve those in need!

Nancy Romic  
Executive Director