

October 21, 2025

Dear Mayor Schlossberger and Members of Council,

November is **Family Violence Prevention Month**, a dedicated time to shine a spotlight on this important, societal issue. Family Violence Prevention Month is an important reminder to everyone that ending domestic violence and abuse starts with just one small action, whether that is seeking support, providing information, or sharing resources.

Domestic Violence is a serious public health issue that affects millions of individuals and families regardless of age, gender, race, religion, economic status, or sexual orientation. Domestic violence remains devastating high across Canada, with rural communities, like Foothills County, Vulcan Country and MD Willow Creek, facing unique challenges. Nearly 20% of Albertans live in rural areas, where access to services is limited, isolation is greater, and the need for prevention is strong.

For 25 years Rowan House Society has served as a sanctuary and resource for individuals and families affected by domestic violence and abuse, through crisis intervention, long term support and preventative education. Rowan House Society is here to break the cycle of violence and abuse in our communities. In doing so, we aspire to compassionately erase violence and abuse.

We do this through various supports and services within our seven core programs:

1. 24-Hour Support Line
2. Emergency Shelter
3. Children's Program
4. Outreach Program
5. Preventative Education Program
6. Legal Resource Navigator Program
7. Safe at Home Program

We are asking you to proclaim **November as Family Violence Prevention Month** in your community and have attached to this letter, a formal proclamation that we hope you will consider *signing, posting in your community, and returning a copy to us.*

Please join the movement to create awareness in our communities by having a purple light shine at the Municipal Centre, place a purple heart in your window, or attend family violence prevention events to show your support.

Thank you for your support in creating awareness of domestic violence and abuse.

In appreciation,



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