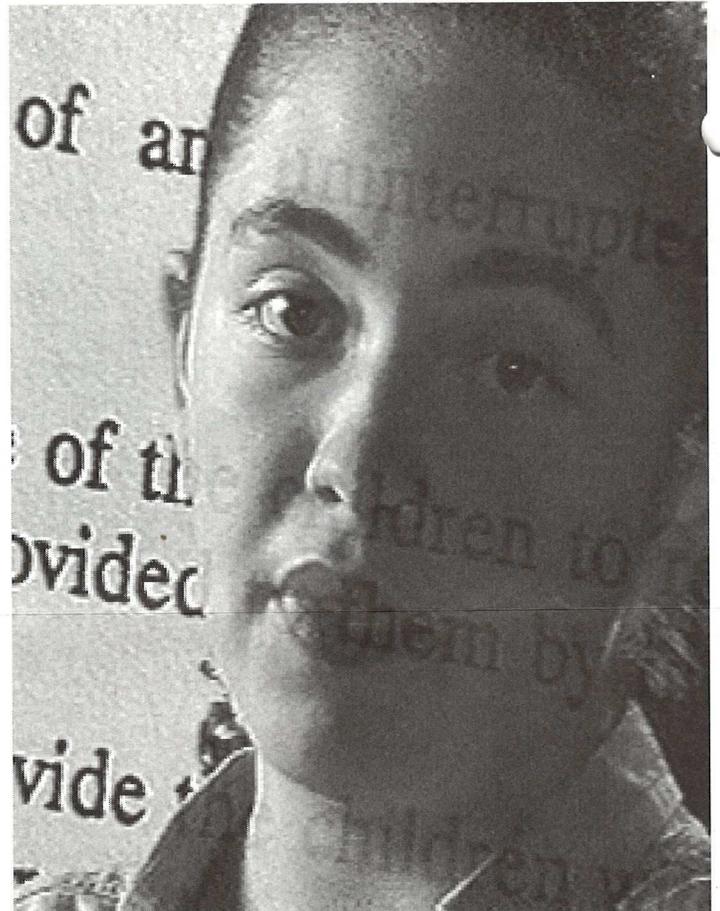


Interval House Making News

1996 was a very productive year for our shelter. With funds provided from The Harrowston Foundation we created a 10 minute video called "Dina's Story." This video examined the issue of violence against women from a young girl's perspective. "Dina's Story" has been used as an educational tool in many venues – discussions with community groups, schools, and churches. It has been very well received and it is our hope that it will generate a more indepth analysis and understanding of the work our shelter does.

Additionally, we produced a Public Service Announcement which has been aired throughout the year on many local and national tv stations. Many people, from store keepers to ferry dock workers to bank tellers have remarked they saw Interval House on tv. The PSA was entirely produced and edited with donated labour, talent and production facilities.

Interval House was approached throughout the year by countless tv and radio stations to comment on subjects ranging from provincial budget cuts, new courts specifically designated for abused women, abused women and the health care system, the new Federal gun bill, new SIN number for battered women, and the defunding of the Women's Directorate and The Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses. Through our work with the media we hope to shed light on the extremely difficult struggle abused women face and build public support for their cause. ❖



In 1995 Interval House sheltered, supported and counselled hundreds of women and children. Here are some of the statistics we gathered throughout the year.

- ◆ **35%** of the women who came to Interval House came with physical injuries.
- ◆ **43%** of the children witnessed the physical abuse of their mothers.
- ◆ **30%** of the women at our shelter were assaulted within the first five years of their relationship.
- ◆ **94%** of the women experienced emotional abuse.
- ◆ **41%** of the women received death threats from their partners.
- ◆ **24%** of the abusers threatened suicide.
- ◆ **51%** tried to leave their abuser before they came to Interval House.
- ◆ **35%** of the women were assaulted during pregnancy.
- ◆ **30%** of the women were assaulted 6-20 times before they came to Interval House.

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