

The Womens Place – Toronto Womens Centre  
P.O. Box 752, Station F, Toronto 7 – Telephone 489-1471  
Temporary location: 130 Eglinton Avenue East

*Women are seeking change.* We are becoming increasingly aware that decisions affecting our lives are made without our consent or even participation. Until now, the organization of women has been haphazard and often doctrinaire. This effectively prevented us from joining together in our common interest.

This situation is unacceptable and must be overcome. *What is needed* is a place which encourages the entrance of women into the movement on their own terms, regardless of their current knowledge or views on the movement. *The purpose* of The Womens Place is to supply this need through a systematic and multi-level approach to the organization of women. It is designed to bring all women and all existing womens groups together so that we can act as a real force.

*The Womens Place* is intended to perform coordinating and organizing functions, supplying a base, house, address, phone, permanent staff, initially at a modest level. It must be a focal point for women whatever their needs; for groups, special action collectives, legal and welfare right information, a referral service, a bookstore, library, drop-in and distress centre, community switchboard, action clearing house. Function of The Place will revolve around four basic tasks:

- provision of services for women without conditions, i.e., without membership or over commitment to feminist thought
- initiation of our reach programs to educate women on their own potential and that of their movement
- provision of opportunities for women to explore their feelings and experiences as women, in an atmosphere of understanding and hope
- provision of a base and a means for active involvement in issues concerning women.

*Control* of The Womens Place will rest with the women who commit themselves to making it work. Founding organizers, paid staff and representatives of collectives emerging from the centre are responsible for policy decision through a Board. This Board will change over time to reflect growth and composition of the centre. Eligibility rests solely on commitment: on work, time and energy given to The Womens Place.

So that's who we are and what we are doing. Now the questions are – what is required to get going? How can every woman participate?

First and foremost, let us hear from you. Let's establish contact. Write, call, come in. Let us know who you are, how you feel about the Womens movement, "The Women's Place," about this letter, anything and everything.

Can you contribute anything in the way of office equipment, office and house supplies, furniture, pots and pans, paper clips . . . ? Let us know, we will pick up in Metro. Do you have access

to facilities, skills, expertise . . . ? What are your interests, concerns, problems . . . ? Do you know other women who might be interested? Pass this on and let us have their names. Help, participate, inform, suggest, use, organize . . . . .

Now about money. Unfortunately, we cannot exist on enthusiasm alone. Yes, we do need money. It requires about *\$1,000.00 per month* to operate a place of our own, with just one paid staff member and volunteer help. How can we get it? Well, that's one thousand women contributing \$1 a month, or one hundred contributing \$10, or ten contributing \$100, or one . . . Naturally, we are keen on donations of any amount. However, what we are looking for are systematic monthly commitments. Many of us have turned over a series of post dated cheques and *we invite you to do the same.*

*Marcy Effrat  
Ellen Masuda  
Mary Stewart  
Barbara Uteck  
Eve Zaremba*

*Leah Englander  
Stephanie Penney  
Sandy Stienecker  
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NAME . . . . . PHONE NO. . . . .  
ADDRESS . . . . .

- Enclosed is a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Womens Place
- I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month to The Womens Place and
- enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ cheque(s) for that amount
- I am interested, would like more information
- I enclose a letter, list of other interested women, information,  
list of things I can donate, etc.