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## **Media Advisory**

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### **Women's Shelters Invite Premier to Mark Day Against Violence**

(Toronto) On Thursday, November 25, Ontario shelters for abused women will invite Premier Dalton McGuinty to join them in marking the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

The Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH) will invite the Premier, or a representative of his office if he is not available, to join them at a press conference planned to present the provincial leader with purple ribbons and roses remembering women and children murdered in Ontario this year. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Ontario government declared November "Wife Assault Prevention Month" and promised a decisive Domestic Violence Action Plan by month's end.

The press conference will be held at:

**Queen's Park Media Studio  
Main Legislature Building  
Queen's Park, Toronto**

**Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004 11 a.m.**

During the day, women's shelters in different regions of Ontario will take part in a campaign to send messages to their MPPs along with an Open Letter to the Ontario Government requesting government action. They will also be participating in locally organized activities to mark the International Day.

"Premier McGuinty has put his personal stamp on whatever action his government takes to respond to woman abuse and we are looking to him to make commitments this year that will substantially increase the chances for women and children to escape violence," said Eileen Morrow, OAITH Coordinator.

"We are hoping to see him at our press conference to demonstrate the commitment he has stated to the issue, as well as to honour the women murdered this year in Ontario."

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