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RE: Femicide in Brampton

Embrave: Agency to End Violence is outraged and deeply saddened to share the news that a woman was murdered on June 17th in Brampton by her male partner. Embrave sends our condolences to her family and friends.

“This is the second femicide that has occurred in our community this year, following the femicide of a 23-year old woman in January. The continued occurrence of femicides and gender-based violence in our community is of deep concern”, said Rebecca Rogers, Director of Advocacy, Communications & Programs. “Embrave understands that this femicide is not an isolated incident; it reflects the experience of many women and gender diverse folks in Canada.”

In 2020 in Ontario, every 9 days a woman or child was killed in a femicide. The most common perpetrators are men, who are either the victim’s current or former intimate partner, a family member, or someone known to them.

According to the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAIH), there was a 53% increase of femicides last year when compared to the previous year. Additionally, from June 6th 2018 to June 2nd 2022, OAIH tracked 166 women and children killed in Ontario that have been reported by the media. Today that number has risen to 167.

We believe that every femicide is preventable.

WE COUNT FEMICIDE BECAUSE:

- Indigenous, Black and 2SLGBTQ+ women, girls, gender-diverse individuals and women with disabilities are at increased risk and experience disproportionate levels of gender-based violence.
- Every life lost to femicide tears a hole in the fabric of our communities. We honour their lives and commit to making change to prevent future femicides.
- Naming men’s violence as the problem is part of the change we need to make as a society. We can’t change it if we can’t name it.
- For every femicide, there are more survivors who are not safe in their homes, workplaces and communities. We can do more to reach out and support them. We can engage their intimate partners, family members, friends, coworkers and acquaintances to end the violence.

WE CAN CHANGE THE OUTCOMES

For 20 years domestic homicide death reviews have provided recommendations that can move us toward prevention. It is time to review our progress and invest in the evidence to see stronger social returns. We demand action and accountability. There are survivors, experts and advocates in every community that must be listened to.

* *Femicide* describes the intentional killing of women, girls and other gender-diverse individuals, by men.

WE MUST DO BETTER

Most murders are preventable. **We Count Femicide Because...** is intended to mark the tragic loss of each life, to raise a public alarm and to engage everyone in working together toward prevention. It is a call to action to prevent future deaths.

“Education is essential to the prevention of femicides and gender-based violence,” said Rebecca Pacheco, the Coordinator of the Peel Committee Against Women Abuse (PCAWA). “Coworkers, neighbours, friends, and family members can and should learn the warning signs of violence and how to respond safely and supportively. PCAWA has training opportunities available on the Enhanced Violence Against Women Protocol for the Region of Peel. Please contact me at rebeccap@embrave.ca to schedule the training.”

You can also participate in Embrave’s BraveSpace Public Education Program that centres the voices of survivors in building a training program that will create systemic change with the goal of ending gender-based violence. For more information on how to participate in this program contact Rebecca Pacheco.

If you are a survivor of violence in need of support, please contact Embrave: Agency to End Violence’s 24-hour Crisis Line at 905-403-0864 or 1-855-676-8515. You can also seek support from any of the Peel Committee Against Women Abuse member agencies. Visit their website at www.pcawa.net for more information.

Remember that you are not alone. We are here if you need us.

You can find a few links to related media articles here:

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/peel-police-searching-for-male-suspect-after-woman-found-dead-inside-brampton-home-1.5951376>

<https://ottawa.citynews.ca/around-ontario/man-29-wanted-for-murder-after-woman-found-dead-in-brampton-home-5490914>

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