

Wilma's Transition Society

Second Stage Housing Application

Criteria:

- All aboriginal AND non-aboriginal women are eligible to apply.
- The target group for Second Stage is single moms **with** children.
- Women who are **out of the high-risk security stage** and who may not otherwise receive services.
- Women with the greatest need, who have limited life skills.
- Women who are on Social Assistance or some other government-funded program.
- Women with **large families are given priority.**
- Women with limited education and working backgrounds.
- Women **who have been forced to flee** their geographical setting in order to escape their abusers are given priority.
- We ask that referrals are made through Transition House Support Workers, but we accept self referrals and referrals from other agencies and organizations.
- In order to live at our Second Stage women must be a minimum of three months clean from alcohol and drug addictions. However, we will interview woman with less clean and sober time.



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Wilma's Transition Society *Second Stage Housing*

Wilma's Transition Society manages and operates a 5-unit, self-contained Second Stage Housing Complex, located in the Cultus Lake area.

The Second Stage facility is available to women who have made the decision to leave their abusive situation.

We ask that women applying for second stage commit to a stay of six-months with the possibility of an extension should they request one.

The complex consists of 3 two-bedroom apartments and 2 three-bedroom apartments. One of the 2-bedroom apartments is handicapped accessible.

The apartments are furnished with frost-free fridges and self-cleaning ranges. Wooden dining tables with chairs, couch and chair in the living rooms. Primary bedrooms are furnished with double beds. Secondary bedrooms are furnished with bunk beds with trundles. Each bedroom has a chest of drawers. Each unit contains its own storage room. Each unit has dishes, towels, linens, etc.

The society's administration offices are part of the Second Stage complex, in addition, we have free laundry facilities; a large fenced outdoor play area and a portable for indoor play.

The complex security system provides controlled entrance and exits, with video monitoring.

When clients move in, they will not have space to bring their own furniture. Personal belongings only will be accepted. Clients will have to get a storage unit to store their furniture, appliances, etc while they are in second stage.

PET RULES/GUIDELINES

We may accept some pets, depending on type/size of pet. If you currently have a pet, please fill out the pet assessment at the end of the application. We may not have a suite available that is pet friendly at the time of your application.

- The animal is house trained and/or caged appropriately.
- The animal is not allowed free access of the premises and must always be accompanied by a responsible adult when not in the resident's suite.
- The animal is not allowed access to the main communal living area or kitchen/eating spaces, except in the case of a certified service dog as required.
- Dogs are kept on leash indoors when moving between the resident's suite and going outside and must stay on leash while on the property.
- Pets may be taken outside on leash and must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Residents will clean up after their pet.
- Cages and litter boxes are cleaned at minimum three times a week.
- Dogs and cats are never left in the suite without their owner for longer than 8 hours and only left if they can be alone without barking, crying, or engaging in destructive behaviour.
- A dog or cat may be left longer, if another resident has agreed to care for the pet.
- Extra suite inspections (up to 3 times a week) will be in place for residents who have pets in their suite.

Staff may refuse to take in a pet if they have concerns about aggression or other issues. Residents or resident's pets may be discharged if they do not properly care for their pet(s) and/or do not follow the pet rules.

Staff may call the SPCA if they have concerns about the care of an animal.

Staff is not expected to care for pets.

Staff may call the SPCA or local animal control to remove a pet if the resident appears to have abandoned the pet.

If you have any questions regarding our pet policy or if a pet friendly suite is available, please contact a support worker at 604-824-0939.

GOALS

The overall goal of our Second Stage Housing program is to allow women to become independent and self-sufficient by encouraging them to make their own choices, arrange for their own needs, access community resources and become involved with their communities. We believe that it is essential to create a positive environment of empowerment to nurture and support women to take control of their own lives and encourage them to make positive choices for themselves and for their children.

The goals of the Xolhemet Society Second Stage Housing include:

- The development of life skills and promotion of a healthy living style.
- The provision of individual and group support sessions that will provide education in practical problem solving and personal conflict resolution.
- To provide legal advocacy, referrals to Community resources.
- Support groups are offered to enhance life skills, self-discovery and increase knowledge and understanding of the dynamics and effects of family violence.

RULES AND SERVICES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- No drugs or alcohol
- No violence or abusive language
- No adult males over the age of 16
- Supervision of children is mandatory at all times
- Participation is mandatory in support groups
- Living areas must be kept clean and tidy
- Transportation may be available on advanced notice. The bus route is accessible through the summer's months only
- The facility is approximately a 20-minute walk away from the nearest bus stop

We do not have 24-hour staffing. Staff are available Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Support Workers are accessible at the Transition House 24 hours.



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Second Stage Housing Application Form

The Following information is confidential. It will be part of determining eligibility for placement. If you are referring a woman, we recommend that the woman you are referring, sign a release of information form. Identification is required for both women and children (ie: birth certificate, medical card, driver's license, etc.)

Applicant information

Applicant name: _____

Applicants date of birth: _____

Date of application: _____

Social insurance number: _____

Applicants personal phone number: _____

Applicants email: _____

Emergency contact name/number: _____

How would you like us to contact you? phone email

Is English your first language? yes no

Your cultural background is: _____

Referral information

Name of referral organization: _____

What date will your stay come to an end (if at a transition house): _____

Referral phone number: _____



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Children's information

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate	Gender
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____

Personal Information

Previous Address:

What is your source of income? (check all that apply)

- Employment \$ _____
- Student Loans \$ _____
- Income Assistance \$ _____
- Child Tax \$ _____
- Child Support \$ _____
- Other (please describe) \$ _____

What is your monthly take home income?

\$ _____

Do you own and/or have regular use of a vehicle?

YES NO



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We are not located on a bus route and provide once weekly transportation. Will that be an issue for you?

Relationship Information

Are you leaving an abusive relationship?

YES NO

What is the nature of this relationship? (ie. husband, common law partner, boyfriend, family member etc.)

How long have you been in this relationship?

Physical description of the offender?

Vehicle description of the offender?

Do you have any contact with the offender? if yes, please explain

Are there other people you need protection from? (abuser's friends, other family members, etc.)



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Do you have a protection order in effect?

- Restraining Order
- Peace Bond
- No Contact Order

Are your children named in the order?

YES NO

If you do not have one in effect, do you plan to apply for one?

What is the status of your custody and access orders?

Are you presently in an intimate relationship? If yes, how long have you been in this relationship? _____

Additional Information

What (if any) supportive agencies are you and/or your children involved with?

- MCFD **worker name/office:** _____
- Xyolhemeylh **worker name/office:** _____
- Immigration worker
- Multicultural worker
- Counselor/psychologist **name of worker:** _____
- Legal aid **name of lawyer:** _____
- Children who witness abuse
- Employment counselor
- Other(Please Specify) _____



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Do you have a family doctor? If yes, name and contact information

Do you have emotional support?

What is your current understanding of second stage housing?

Briefly describe your family background/history:

Please describe your experience(s) with abuse:

Please describe your child's/children's experience(s) with abuse:



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Do you have any health concerns, allergies or physical needs that would be important for us to know?

Do you have a history or any diagnoses related to mental health?

Do you or have you ever had an addiction to a substance? If yes, what substance and for how long?

Are you aware that you must abstain from all forms of substance abuse while you are living at our Second Stage? _____

Have you ever been hospitalized as a result of mental health problems?

Do you require a handicapped accessible apartment?

If offered a spot in our housing program, what are your hopes and expectations from the program?



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We have mandatory programming 4-5 days a week for two hours a day with childcare included for your children. Would this be an issue for you?

Are you able to commit to a stay of six (6) months at our Second Stage facility?

Do you feel there would be any disadvantages to joining Xolhemet second stage?

Is there any additional information that we should know about you?

Is there any additional information that we should know about your child/children?

All applicants are required to complete an interview with a Wilma's Transition Society support worker and/or executive director. At the time of the interview applicants will be given a tour of our facility.

****Transportation to the interview will be the responsibility of the applicant****

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Wilma's Transition Society *Pet Assessment Form*

We do not accept snakes, wildlife and certain dogs (based on size/breed)

How many pets do you have? _____

What types of pets do you have?

If you have a dog, what breed/size/weight is the dog?

Do you fear for the safety of your pets?

Have your pets been abused by your partner or someone else in the past? If yes, please explain.

Has your partner or someone else threatened your pets? If yes, please explain.

Do your pets have separation anxiety? If yes, what does that look like?



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Have your pets displayed aggression towards adults, children or other animals? If yes, please explain.

Has your pet been spayed or neutered? We do not accept unneutered male cats.

What shots has you pet had?

Do your pets have any health problems? If yes, please explain.

Do you have you pets medical records with you or are you able to access them?

Is your pet on a special diet? If yes, please explain.

Is your pet an indoor pet?

Do you use any flea control products? If yes, please explain.

Do you have any other comments about your pets?



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Authorization to Release/Obtain Information

I, _____, hereby authorize
(Name of client/resident)

(Name of organization/agency from which information is required)

to release relevant information concerning myself and, if applicable, minor children.

(Name of minor children)

(Name of minor children)

To **Wilma's Transition Society** for the purposes of referral, admission, counseling and support.

Client Name

Client/Resident Signature

Date