**MISSION AND VISION:**

As stated on the Peggy’s House for Men webpage: <https://peggyshouseformen.weebly.com/about.html>

“To make the necessary long-lasting and significant shift to end violence against women and kids, we need to include all the stakeholders. We recognize that most abuse is perpetrated against women, by cis men who themselves have often suffered abuse at the hands of others. We recognize that most victims of childhood violence do not become abusers. We recognize that people who inflict gender based violence may have not had an opportunity to learn another way of coping with feelings of anger, frustration and hurt.
It is vital to support everyone as they take responsibility, recover from past trauma and heal.
Peggy’s House believes in the importance of maintaining dignity of all those involved, and
providing the opportunity for making meaningful amends. Additionally, to promote justice, and
to recognize the challenges faced by mothers in having to relocate their children, it may be
preferable to remove the abuser from the home as opposed to the victim. Peggy’s House will fill this gap in service.
To facilitate the above Peggy’s House will be a residential facility that houses, counsels, and
works with male abusers to develop new coping techniques and behaviour patters, with the goal of creating a new opportunity for men to move their lives in a positive direction. Peggy’s House recognizes that ending gender based violence is a communal responsibility.
Peggy’s House will work with various outside resources … to meet client goals.”

**HISTORY**

Peggy’s House is based on the vision of Peggy Tye-Bernicky. In the fall of 2016 Peggy drew together a number of people to form an advisory committee to create an organization designed to assist men involved in domestic violence. Over the years the advisory committee has consistently brought to the table survivors, potential service users and representatives from the following agencies: Lanark County Interval House, Lanark County Community Justice, HIV AIDS Regional Services Kingston (services to penitentiaries) , Lanark County O.P.P, Men Changing Choices, Crown Attorney Perth Courthouse, Lanark County United Way, Queens University, Canadian Centre for Men and Families, Lanark County Mental Health, Tugasuvvinga Inuit, Open Doors, Algonquin College. This practice continues as the project evolves.

 A Board of Directors was created in February 2020 and Peggy’s House was formally incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act in May 2021.

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Surveys designed by the Advisory Committee and researchers from Queens University to capture the perspectives of survivors, potential participants, service providers and the general community indicated a desire to provide the services targeted by Peggy’s House. In addition to this information the flowing presentation developed by one of the board members Paulo Da Silva helps support the need for services <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Z6mQkbb-tnxN8h-eZEuJQEh41IAQUN2jSGGoLxzvIyg/edit#slide=id.g35f391192_00>

**THE PRESENT**

The Board of Peggy’s House would like to move forward to establish services. They recognize that in order to fundraise effectively they need an organization willing to act as an ‘umbrella’ for charity status. The basic tenants of Lanark County Community Justice Program would make it an ideal fit.

Organizationally the board continues to meet monthly on line and is actively recruiting new board members. Our immediate future needs are:

* Operational insurance
* An operational location
* Staff and volunteers to develop and offer services

Once these have been achieved we will move forward to create programming, and intake and referral procedures based on community response.

As domestic violence continues to rise we are eager to move forward on this initiative and a partnership with your agency would prove invaluable.