



**Sexual Assault Support Centre
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**Sexual Assault Support Centre's 20th Anniversary Celebration:
Dinner, Dance and Comedy Show with the Hilarious Elvira Kurt!**

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Kitchener, September 21, 2009 – In celebration of their 20th anniversary, the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region is hosting a dinner, dance and comedy show! Please join them for this evening of merriment-making on Friday, October 2nd as they honour 20 years of women's passion, perseverance, and strength... through laughter and celebration! Doors to the ballroom at the Holiday Inn (30 Fairway Rd. S. Kitchener) open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m.

Their very special after-dinner entertainer is comedian Elvira Kurt. Voted *Funniest Female Comic* at the Canadian Comic Awards, she received a Gemini-nomination for the one-hour comedy special *Elvira Kurt: I'm a Big Girl Now*. She is a Second City Alumnus and has had many years of comedic success in Canada and the United States. Elvira has appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and her comedy specials have aired on Comedy Central, HBO, Showtime, CTV, CBC and The Comedy Network.

Tickets for this anniversary celebration are \$60 each and can be purchased by Visa or MasterCard by phone (519-571-0121) or in person in the SASC office (by Visa, MasterCard, cash, or cheque) until Monday, September 28th.

"With this event, we are acknowledging the incredible spirit and fortitude of women in our community," said Sara Casselman the Community Relations Coordinator at the Centre. "Our founding members were women with wisdom, vision, and compassion. Over the last 20 years that same spirit has driven our board of directors, staff members and volunteers, who have given of themselves in extraordinary ways in support of individual women on healing journeys, and with a collective vision of a future without sexualized violence. Most importantly, this is an opportunity to celebrate the resilience and strength of each woman who has walked through our doors in search of support over the last two decades."

Since 1989, the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region has been supporting female survivors of sexual violence, and their loved ones. They offer individual and group counselling, advocacy and accompaniments, a 24 hour crisis and support line, public education, community referrals, and a volunteer program. All of their services are free and confidential.

As a charitable organization, the Centre would greatly appreciate advance coverage of this milestone event to assist with its promotion. Further media inquires can be directed to Sara Casselman at 519-571-0121 X23 or sara@sascwr.org.