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**Women's Business Network Breaks Own Record Total**

The Women's Business Network of Peterborough broke their own fundraising record of \$17,000, raising over \$20,000 for the YWCA'S Crossroads Women's Shelter at their annual Christmas Silent and Live Auction at the Holiday Inn Waterfront on Wednesday, December 6, 2006. Approximately 180 women from the business community, including members and guests, turned out for this fabulous event organized by Deborah Paris and Bhavna Patel, the WBN's Social Directors. The remaining board members and a committed team of volunteers also assisted in making the fundraiser a night to remember!

Crossroads relies on community donations and the United Way to keep its doors open 24 hours a day, providing shelter, food, counseling, practical support and comfort for hundreds of women and children.

With live music, delicious hors d'oeuvres and a traditional turkey dinner, fun was had by all. Wearing festive attire and mixing and mingling throughout the evening, members and their guests did their best to outbid one another.

The highlight of the evening was the ever so popular "Feel the Heat" live auction item, a dinner for eight women served by firefighters in downtown Toronto, drawing a final bid of \$2200!

The Women's Business Network, founded in Peterborough in 1961, operates with the mandate, "To promote and support women in business through personal and professional growth opportunities".

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