

Fleeing from Danger to Find Hope

Barbara came to Canada from Colombia after meeting a man of Colombian descent living in Canada on a dating website. After a brief courtship she came to Canada with many promises of a bright and happy future. Even though she did not speak English, she felt she had found her soul mate.

A year later the couple were living in a small town with their new infant daughter. The rural location and language barriers left Barbara feeling more and more isolated. The abuse started shortly after the birth of their daughter. Recognizing the impact it was having on her family, Barbara fled to the Women's Shelter.

They assisted her with reporting to the police, planning for safety, finding a new apartment and undertaking legal proceedings. As time progressed and her ex-partner began to stalk her, there was a need for Barbara and her daughter to move somewhere more secure, and she was connected to Julietta's Place.

Now feeling safe and supported, Barbara has made great strides in healing and moving forward in a healthy, positive and confident manner. She is taking English classes while her daughter benefits from play and learning opportunities at both preschool and childcare. Barbara is establishing her home as a safe, cozy and positive place for her daughter.

Although her court battle and the harassment continue, Barbara now has the support she needs to keep herself and her daughter safe.