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A TURNING POINT
FOR WOMEN



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Christian Morrisseau print to help create homes for families

The Gallery on the Lake offers a new season, and an act of generosity both of which inspire us to contemplate what home means to us. The gallery will release a limited edition, signed, and numbered print by preeminent Woodland artist Christian Morrisseau. The print, 'Mother and young - women of faith' features a loon protecting her young. Gallery on the Lake will donate \$100 of the proceeds of each print in support of the YWCA Elm Centre.

"The painting "Mother and Young- Women of Faith" symbolizes a mother's love, courage and dedication to her young. It embodies the spirit of woman to me. I believe that the image and title perfectly capture the message and intent of the work of the YWCA. I am very pleased to be a part of this endeavour. It is my hope that the message resonates with the public, in support of this worthwhile cause," says Esther Inglis, Gallery on the Lake President.

"The YWCA Elm Centre has inspired so many people to action. This gift will help YWCA Toronto build affordable, supportive homes for women led families, women living with mental health issues and additions and Aboriginal women. It will also inspire others and help us raise awareness about the project and the urgent need for affordable and supportive housing," says Heather McGregor, YWCA Toronto CEO.

The Gallery on the Lake will host an exhibition of Christian Morrisseau's work from May 1st to May 28th. Christian will be at the gallery on May 1st and 2nd to kick off the gallery's tenth season, to greet the public and sign copies of the print. The gallery will produce 2011 framed, giclée on canvas prints in honour of the year the YWCA Elm Centre will be completed. The high-quality Canadian-made prints will sell for \$695. The signed, numbered prints will be available at the Gallery on the Lake, the gallery's online store and at galleries throughout Canada.

The Gallery on the Lake is a Kawarthas landmark in a spectacular setting on the shores of Lower Buckhorn Lake. Visitors can enjoy an extensive selection of original paintings, sculpture and outstanding collectibles in a very large and impressive space. The gallery offers art classes and a tea room overlooking the lake.

The YWCA Elm Centre, currently under construction in Toronto, will provide 300 new, affordable homes for women and women-led families. YWCA Toronto is a trusted multi-service organization by, for and about women and girls. For over 137 years, YWCA has helped women at turning points in their lives.

A high resolution image of the print is available to media upon request.

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