



WOMEN'S MOSQUE  
OF CANADA

## **Remembering the Victims of the Montreal Massacre – Dec 6 Vigil & Prayer**

As we quickly approach the end of the 16 days of activism against violence against women, we remember and honour all the women that have lost their lives to violence in the last year and in our history as women, as muslim women and as human beings. We also remember and honour the many women that continue to be impacted by violence at this time.

In honour of Dec 6, the National day of Remembrance where we remember the 14 women that were murdered at the Polytechnique Montreal on December 6, 1989, we also take this opportunity to remember the over 110 women that were murdered by their intimate partners across Canada in 2020 (these are reported cases).

Violence against women has no place in Islam nor in any faith or any part of the world. As we remember these women and their families, let us also make a commitment that we will not allow Violence Against Women to continue.

At the Women's Mosque of Canada, since our inception, much work is happening behind the scenes to support many women in our community deal with violence against women which is often couched and even justified due to misinterpretation and misunderstandings of texts and women's rights and roles within our faith.

And while we collaborate with both Muslim and Mainstream groups to offer these women with the support they need, we too require additional resources to keep our work going.

This year alone the mosque has spent over \$10K in supporting women with their practical assistance needs, from food cards, to rental supplements, hygiene kits, Qurans and other religious/spiritual items, to safety rides and even supporting with house moves and emergency shelter supports, we have had a very busy time finding ways to stabilize women in crisis within our community.

The work does not end here and many women continue to reach out. As we learn how to navigate, like many other organizations, during these times, it is imperative that the women's community step up and support our efforts in a more public way.