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PEI Kids enjoy some pampering

On a crisp October evening, the Lawrenceville offices of local non-profit PEI Kids were warm with laughter as the young ladies of the mother/daughter support group enjoyed an evening of beauty and pampering courtesy of the Arbonne Charitable Foundation.

As part of its Crisis Intervention for Child Victims of Sexual Abuse program, PEI Kids offers a bi-monthly support group for child victims of sexual assault and non-offending, supportive family members. A monthly Mother/Daughter Workshop for this group is designed to build stronger bonds between child victims and maternal family members.

For two years, the Arbonne Charitable Foundation has supported this PEI Kids program with a \$5,000 grant and a \$5,000 product donation to support an evening of beauty and pampering for program participants. A local team of Arbonne's Independent Consultants, called Arbonne Angels, volunteered their services to provide facials and makeovers.

PEI Kids' Executive Director

Roz Dashiell explained, "This partnership has special meaning for us because it reinforces important values — such as self-acceptance, confidence and inner beauty — concepts which we want our young ladies to connect with and live by."

PEI Kids' Director of Crisis Intervention Dr. Juanita Brooks said, "The ladies really look forward to this program because it is all about empowering women and girls. Arbonne provides an opportunity for these mothers and daughters to bond, to laugh, try new things, and create positive memories."

One mother commented, "It's amazing to see what an evening can do for the self-esteem of women, both old and young."

HAMILTON

Interfaith Caregivers serve county's elderly

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