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3rd Annual International Women's Day **Thursday March 8th 2012**

Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services with the generous support of Beta Sigma Phi are pleased to announce the **3rd Annual International Women's Day event** on Thursday March 8th 2012. This special event will be held at the Best Western Plus in Brantford.

This year, we are thrilled to present the **Woman of Distinction Award** to inaugurate a special woman in our community for her accomplishments and contributions to society and the lives of others. With over 340 guests in attendance last year, our 2011 event was a resounding success.

Nova Vita Domestic Violence Preventions Services is the only shelter for abused women and their children in Brantford and the County of Brant. Last year alone Nova Vita provided a safe haven to 153 women and 146 children - our occupancy rate in the shelter was over 100%. We offered counselling services to over 600 women, children and perpetrators of domestic violence. At Nova Vita only 63% of the annual budget is government funded – the responsibility to raise the additional 37% falls on events such as **International Women's Day**, grants and the generosity of our donors. These essential funds are needed to provide shelter; security and counselling for families affected by domestic violence.

Please consider a financial contribution in exchange for business recognition at our event. For your convenience sponsorship opportunities are listed on the reverse. Your donation **will make a difference and will directly impact the lives of many women and children** in our community. Please help us to empower the women in our community to live violence free lives.

Sincerely,

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Keynote Speaker 2012 - Dr. Samantha Nutt



You never know what impact you can have on a person's life – even on someone you've never met – and that, to Samantha is what International Women's Day is all about: the recognition that the feminist movement was a beginning, not an end; that we are still a long way from achieving true gender equality; and that progress is borne out of our collective capacity to inspire, protect and affirm the rights of all women (not just here in Canada but around the world).