

## Celebrating the Assault Response & Care Centre (ARCC)

As we celebrate and mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ARCC, We think about the significant impact of this organization on the community of Leeds and Grenville. Critically, ARCC's mandate includes women, men, youth, and children, who are victims of assault. This is unique to our community, and is necessary in terms of a comprehensive approach to providing services to victims. There are few local options for male survivors of sexual or domestic violence, making this organization essential.

ARCC offers specialized and trained nursing care and emergency response to sexual assault victims at the hospital, which is an incredible support for those individuals, who otherwise, would be left to their own devices in navigating the supports they require directly following an assault.

ARCC has always played an integral role and is a valued partner in our community's response to violence, as well as the public education campaigns and promotion of our collective work to end violence against women, men, youth and children in Leeds and Grenville.

Congratulations to BGH and the ARCC team for a very successful and impactful 20 years of Service in the communities of Leeds and Grenville.

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