



## Women's Habitat Announces New Executive Director

November 22, 2011 - Women's Habitat's Board of Directors would like to announce the hiring of Ms. Silvia Samsa as its new Executive Director.

Ms. Samsa was formerly the Manager of the YWCA Arise Shelter. She brings more than fifteen years' experience in middle and senior management in the non-profit sector, working primarily with women and children fleeing violence. Silvia is a long-standing and well-respected advocate in Toronto for women's and children's issues.

Deborah Templer, Board Presidents says, "This is an exciting time for Women's Habitat. I believe that we are going to be stronger than ever heading into the New Year with Silvia's leadership and our exceptional team of managers and staff."

Silvia's official start date is January 9, 2012.

For more than thirty years, Women's Habitat has been providing emergency shelter, support, advocacy and counseling to thousands of women and their children fleeing violence. For more information about Women's Habitat, please go to [www.womens-habitat.ca](http://www.womens-habitat.ca).

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