

Saving 1,700 Bottles a Year



Project

With the help of the Climate Action Microgrant, Women's Interval Home of Sarnia and Lambton Inc. installed a water dispenser, saving up to 1740 plastic bottles each year.

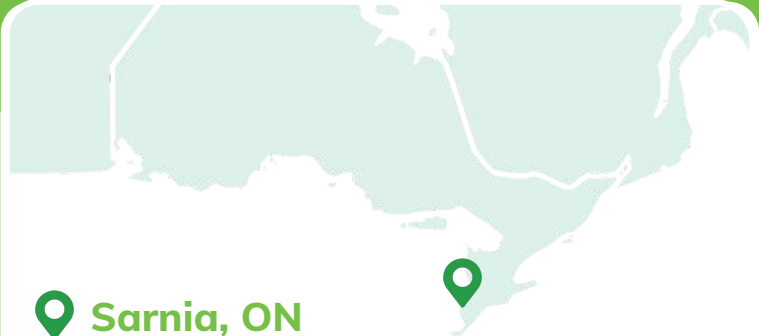
Benefits



Waste reduction / diversion



Reduced costs



 **Sarnia, ON**

 **Health care and social assistance**

Overview

The Women's Interval Home of Sarnia and Lambton Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization established to provide emergency shelter and counselling services to abused women and their children in Sarnia-Lambton. They provide 24-hour emergency and short-term shelter, individual and group counselling, transitional services, child witness counselling services and Restorative Justice circle conferencing.

Inspired by a global awareness of the links between gender-based violence and environmental issues, Women's Interval Home want to do their part to minimize their own environmental impact.

Staff flagged the use of plastic water bottles as a major source of waste; the facility went through as many as 1740 plastic single-use water bottles in a year, and wanted to provide a more sustainable alternative.

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The Results

With funding from the Climate Action Microgrant, the Women's Interval Home purchased an "off the shelf" water cooler for \$2049, and had it professionally installed on budget and on schedule. Former Executive Director Jennifer Vansteenkiste described the process as "seamless." This simple change eliminated 1740 single-use plastic water bottles annually from local recycling and landfill streams and will save this non-profit \$388 a year in water bottles.

As an Executive Director of a small agency, I wore many hats that spread my time and energy thin. It was with Green Economy London that **I found the support I needed** to make necessary changes to reduce the Women's Interval Home's environmental footprint.



Jennifer Vansteenkiste
Former Executive Director



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