



## Principality of Hutt River

### Operation: Michelle An Initiative To End Domestic Violence

### Update



#### **DATE OF UPDATE:**

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#### **ACTIVITY:**

One of the Objectives of Operation Michelle is to help begin breaking the cycle of domestic violence in individual communities everywhere. One way of accomplishing this is by working with shelters and other organizations for victims of domestic violence to ensure they have the resources to help victims remain safe and break the cycle of abuse.

Sir Edward Rupert, and his wife Joanne, have been working to build a new women's shelter near Denver, Colorado to honour Michelle Young, who was killed by her husband who then took his own life. This is a large effort that has involved much fund raising. Building a multi-million dollar facility like this takes time, but progress is being made. A 5.5 acre parcel in Loveland Colorado has been located and a site inspection was completed on July 24, 2007 with the Crossroads Safehouse Board of Directors (which includes Michelle Young's Father and Step-mother, Lady Joanne Rupert, and Sir Edward).

Currently, Sir Edward is in the process of having the property owner donate the property for in-kind tax credits, which would allow Crossroads to have no out of pocket money in the land and would give Operation Michelle an asset to obtain funding for the balance of the project. Last year alone, Crossroads Safehouse had to turn away 100 women and their children as they had no room for placement – all beds were filled. Operation Michelle will eliminate this problem by adding 50 additional rooms to the inventory.