ANNOUNCING
NATIONAL ELIZABETH FRY WEEK
May 2 to 8, 2016

The Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS) celebrates National Elizabeth Fry Week annually. National Elizabeth Fry Week is always the week preceding Mother’s Day. Elizabeth Fry Societies across the country organize public events in their communities throughout the week.

The majority of women who are criminalized and imprisoned are mothers. Most of them were the sole supporters of their families at the time they were incarcerated.

Our goal is to enhance public awareness and education regarding the circumstances of marginalized, victimized and criminalized women involved in the social and criminal justice systems.

By focusing on “Meeting Women’s Needs in the Community and Alternatives to Institutionalization”, our 24 member societies encourage Canadians to proactively focus on addressing criminal justice matters from coast to coast. Our hope is that, particularly in this time of fiscal restraint, to see the development of and support for community-based alternatives to costly incarceration.

CAEFS challenges Canadians to reach behind the walls and bring women into our communities, so that they may take responsibility and account for their actions in ways that make sense to them and to us.

Please visit our web site (www.caefs.ca) for more information.