

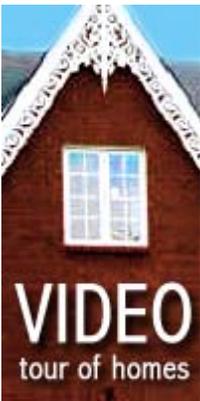
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900 Basketeers

Tanya Nayler was so inspired by Cheryl Stoneburgh and the way she helped women get a new start, she enlisted her mother, and friends throughout York Region.

Tanya and Christine Nayler - October 2006

Basketeers was founded by Cheryl Stoneburgh with the purpose of assisting women in new beginnings. Basketeers provide women with baskets full of basic necessities (toaster, coffee maker, kettle, towels etc.) that are required in a new home. A few little luxuries (bubble bath, candles, picture frame, a novel etc.) are often included as well. Local shelters then distribute these baskets to women in need during the Christmas season. The baskets are donated to the Yellow Brick House in Aurora, and the Barrie Women's and Children's Centre in Barrie. Many thanks to all those who helped.

We have set our goal higher this year, hoping to finish the 2006 year with a total of 50 baskets. Once again these baskets will be distributed to women in need through the Yellow Brick House and the Barrie Women and Children's Centre.

The spirit of Basketeers is spreading. It's contagious! It started with one woman, Cheryl Stoneburgh, one chapter, Toronto. Then in 2005 a young woman's chance encounter with Cheryl precipitated chapter number 2 (North Basketeers). Tanya Nayler was so inspired after her meeting with



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Basketeers founder Cheryl Stoneburgh, that she rushed home to tell her mother about it. Together they went on the website and quickly arranged a meeting. At that first meeting they let it be known that they were committed to the cause. Thus the North Basketeers were born.

Tanya and Christine formed the North Basketeers in order to assist women living north of Toronto, to serve women living in York Region and Simcoe County communities. Cheryl and the North Basketeers immediately began to prepare for the upcoming season (2005).

Chapter three begins in Thailand where another young woman was captivated by Cheryl's inspiring devotion to her cause. Months after the meeting Cheryl received an email from this young lady, saying that she was ready, willing and able to serve the Basketeers.



*Tanya (left) and Christine Nayler (right)
with Patricia Flynn from Yellow Brick
House*

Under Cheryl's guidance this young lady (Stephanie) started a chapter at her university De Anza College located just south of San Francisco. Stephanie has set a target of 25 baskets for her first year (2006) with many students and professors already participating.

1, 2, now 3 chapters and growing strong.

Thanks to the support of those that participated in North Basketeers first year were able to meet and exceed their goal (20 baskets). The North Basketeers finished their first year with a total of 26 baskets. These baskets were donated to the Yellow Brick House in Aurora and the Barrie Women's and Children's Centre in Barrie.

The North Basketeers are excited to be launching their second year . Their 2006 year was kicked off by their first annual Christmas in July party. It was held on July 15th from 12-3 at the Northridge Community Church of The Salvation Army in Newmarket.

In total (Basketeers and North Basketeers) there are currently 900+ registered members for 2006. These volunteers include many women but also men and quite a few children and teens . These members come from as far away as Stratford, Pickering, Welland and north into Barrie.

Since the beginning, local businesses, church groups, community service organizations, and families have been instrumental in the success of the Basketeers program.

Your support and assistance will help ensure that the North Basketeer program will meet or exceed it's 2006 target. Please take time to review the website www.basketeers.ca or email us at northbasketeers@yahoo.ca for more info.

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