## International Women's Day Gala Sunday, March 8, 2020 Sala San Marco

Sunday, March 8, 2020, 400 women came together at Sala San Marco to celebrate women. Little did they know that this event, a wonderful lunch time celebration, would be the last event in our community before the COVID 19 pandemic shut down our city, our world and impacted our lives in ways we never could have dreamed of.

This annual event, held now for the last 10 years, was sold out. Women of all ages, many decked out in yellow, laughed, talked, danced and soaked in the camaraderie of their family and friends- their true sisters. The tables were adorned with mimosa flowering plants and a wonderful dessert treat was the homemade Mimosa cake. made by Gina Zacconi herself.

With a beautiful lunch served, door and raffle prizes drawn and a dessert table plenished with many assorted sweets made by friends and family, Organizer Gina Zacconi was able to present Nelson House with a very generous donation of \$5,000.00. Nelson House is a not for profit shelter providing emergency shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Please check out their website at: https://nelsonhouse.on.ca/

Next year, hopefully, this event will once again be able to be held. Mark your calendars for March 8, 2021. It promises to be another successful event celebrating women all the while helping other women. This is what we all about.

An event like this could not be successful without the exceptional help of the staff at Sala San Marco so a big thank you to Tony Zacconi and his wonderful personnel who kept things running in a most professional manner ensuring a beautiful time was had by all.

When women support each other, incredible things happen!

Find out why Italians give the mimosa flower to their women:

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