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Emergency Help Cellphone project enters second phase

WHITEHORSE—The implementation of the second phase of the Victims of Crime Emergency Help Cellphone project is underway after Yukoners answered the call in April to support victims of crime, Justice Minister Marian C. Horne announced today.

More than 90 cellphones have been collected by the Department of Justice since the campaign to reuse old cellphones as emergency help phones was announced on April 1.

"I would like to thank all Yukoners who have stepped forward and donated their old phones. They will be used by those at risk of harm who have no other available phones in cases of emergency," Horne said. "Latitude Wireless, our partner in this project, have re-purposed many of these phones and they will be distributed by Victim Services."

Emergency help cellphones are available in Whitehorse through Victim Services, located at 301 Jarvis Street or by phoning 867-667-8500.

Individuals living in Dawson City or Watson Lake can request a phone by contacting the Victim Services office in those communities. In other Yukon communities, people can contact Victim Services toll-free at 1-800-661-0408, extension 8500.

The Emergency Help Cellphone collection box will remain at the security desk at the Law Centre in Whitehorse until further notice.

Latitude Wireless will recycle any phones collected that are outdated.

The Government of Yukon and Latitude Wireless will continue to work together on this initiative to provide emergency help cellphones as needed.

Latitude Wireless is a partnership between Northwestel and the Dakwakada Development Corporation, the business investment arm of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

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