

THE VANCOUVER WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLECTIVE MAY HAVE TO CLOSE!

After fourteen years of providing a unique service for women, we face a crisis in funding. Since the Provincial government cut off all our funding in 1983, we have relied on short term federal grants and donations from supporters to keep us going. Now, as federal grants get scarcer, we need your help more than ever.

The Health Collective was founded on the principle of self help and thus promotes women's active participation in, and control of, our health care. Our resources give women both an understanding of the ways in which the conditions of our lives create ill health, and comprehensive information on prevention and treatment options. With this information, we are better able to make informed decisions about our health care.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION MEANS:

- **Health information for women:** our information centre gives women access to clear understandable information on hundreds of health-related topics.
- **Counselling:** we provide informational, supportive and referral counselling.
- **Public speaking and workshops:** we are frequently asked by community groups to give talks and workshops on a wide number of health topics such as birth control, PMS, menopause, patients' rights.
- **Access:** information is available to women across Canada through our mail order service; many of our publications (e.g. *A Feminist Approach to Pap Tests*, *Alternative Approaches to Health & Healing*, and *Breast Health*) were researched and written by the Health Collective.
- **Political action:** the Health Collective organizes and supports actions around specific issues such as abortion, D.E.S., Depo Provera, the Dalkon Shield and the Copper 7 IUD.
- **A women-controlled organization:** over the years, women have built the Health Collective into an organization with a national reputation for consistent and excellent work.

Your donation will help keep this essential service going.

All donations are tax-deductible.



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