



Croydon mum Michelle Gaudion, with baby Lauren, is having a high tea to support McAuley Community Services for Women.

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## Tea time that's tackling family violence

CROYDON'S Michelle Gaudion has never experienced violence in the home but she knows it can happen to anyone. That's why she's hosting a high tea this month to raise money for McAuley Community Services for Women in Kensington,

which helps women and children in need.

Ms Gaudion said since becoming a parent seven months ago, she realised how important it was to look after one another, no matter what the circumstances were.

"It's hard enough being a

first-time parent, let alone not having a supportive partner and it horrifies me to think what that would be like," Ms Gaudion said.

Ms Gaudion is hoping to raise \$500 from her high tea at Blackburn Lake, with the service calling on others to

also host an event during May and June.

Chief executive Jocelyn Bignold said the service helped 1000 people last year, who were "at a loss to know what to do". Register your event at [mcauleycsw.org.au/highteaappeal](http://mcauleycsw.org.au/highteaappeal)