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New Business Helping Pack Rats Organize Their Home**

Niagara – Organizing can be a daunting task and sometimes it takes a team to get a project off the ground.

Fortunately, there are people like Nicki Manley and Tammy Rafferty who are able to help.

The women have teamed up to provide a helping hand to those who need to get their lives in order. They call their business StreamlineLiving and describe it as “organizing life’s rough edges”.

“We organize virtually anything,” says Ms. Rafferty, explaining they offer a variety of organizing services, including home and business organizing, senior citizen downsizing, home sale preparation and event planning.

Mrs. Manley says the business is fairly new to Canada but with the popularity of home decorating and organizing shows, the industry is gathering steam.

Yet, she also says the television shows create a lot of misconceptions about professional organizers and their clients.

“The shows are misleading,” she says, explaining that not everyone who needs a little help organizing is a pack rat or lives under a mountain of unorganized clutter.

“Another misconception is that we throw everything away,” says Mrs. Manley. She says the client is the only one who decides what gets tossed.

Ms. Rafferty says people who need a hand getting organized should not feel ashamed or embarrassed, as it is not an uncommon thing.

“We’ve seen it all, we’ve touched it all,” says Mrs. Manley.

Ms. Rafferty adds, “It can only get better.”

They say the easiest way to get started with an organizing project is to start small.

“Just buy a couple of key pieces,” says Mrs. Manley explaining many clients start with one area then catch the organizing bug. “Once they get started they can’t stop”.

They also say organizing is one of the easiest ways to de-stress your life.

The women have been in business since January and say it's been going really well since then.

"It started as part time but now it's really taking off," says Mrs. Manley adding they will both be working at it full time.

Since Ms. Rafferty lives in Toronto and Mrs. Manley lives in Grimsby they are able to cover from Niagara to Toronto and all points in between.

Mrs. Manley says they start with a free 30 minute consultation followed by a longer session. The sessions usually last about three hours, after which the client can book more time.

They will appear on Breakfast Television on Dec. 8 as part of an organizational team tackling a Toronto home.

For more information call Mrs. Manley at (905) 308-1026 or Ms. Rafferty at (416) 270-7508 or email [info@streamlineliving.com](mailto:info@streamlineliving.com). Also visit their website [www.streamlineliving.com](http://www.streamlineliving.com).

Pictured: Tammy Rafferty and Nicki Manley are showing people how easy it is to get organized with their business StreamlineLiving. The women show off a cupboard they organized and say it's best to start small.