

# INSPIRATION AWARDS

Leadership in Family Violence Prevention

*Alberta* 

2013

# INDIVIDUAL AWARD RECIPIENT

Judi has worn many different hats in her career: child and youth care counsellor, social worker, foster parent, community awareness coordinator, board member and, presently, chairperson for the Camrose Women's Shelter, and Executive Director of the Association of Communities Against Abuse.

As her career demonstrates, Judi is passionate about building a strong and healthy community. She has been a key player in bringing psycho-educational group programming to men, women and children involved in, or affected by, family violence in the Stettler area. She also represented Alberta on a national committee with the Public Health Agency of Canada to develop the training resource, "Addressing family violence...peace begins at home."



**Judilonne Beebe**

# INDIVIDUAL AWARD RECIPIENT

Cora has been a volunteer member of the Big Country Anti-Violence Association for over 14 years. She is one of the quiet, behind-the-scenes leaders who is not only invaluable to the Big Country Anti-Violence Association, but to many residents in the Drumheller area. Cora's efficiency and her ability to provide clarity and focus to the Association's work has allowed for many successful outcomes.

Cora has played a major role in bringing many awareness projects to Drumheller, including the Red Rose Campaign, Take Back the Night, Walk A Mile in Her Shoes, and most recently, the Angel's Corner.



**Cora Bolt**

# INDIVIDUAL AWARD RECIPIENT

For Kelly Johnston, family violence is an issue close to his heart. He was raised in a house filled with violence and as such, vowed to end the cycle of violence. Kelly has been instrumental in the creation of community-driven solutions to ending violence and is a valued member of a number of local initiatives. Kelly recognizes that we each have a role in ending family violence and he is dedicated to engaging men and boys in doing so; he has organized a “Breakfast with the Boys” to launch the first White Ribbon Campaign in Athabasca and is facilitating a new treatment program, Creating Change for Healthy Relationships, for those affected by family violence in rural communities. Kelly is an inspiration to all and a role model who lives what he believes: family violence isn’t a women’s issue; it’s a human rights issue.



**Kelly Johnston**

# SENIOR AWARD RECIPIENT

For over a decade, Sister Mary Jeanne has been working to offer spiritual service and support to those in crisis. She found her calling in working with rural, remote Aboriginal communities in the Peace River area. As an Elder with the Northwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority (CFSA), she works with vulnerable children, youth, families and caregivers. As a member of the Peace River Aboriginal Interagency Committee, she advocates for those she serves and has been instrumental in organizing the Sisters in Spirit Walk in recognition of the missing and murdered Aboriginal women across this country. Sister Mary Jeanne believes that relationships can be healed and justice restored among nations by coming together and sharing from our hearts, always depending on Jesus - for "Love cannot wait."



**Sister Mary  
Jeanne Davidson**

INSPIRATION  
AWARDS 2013

GROUP/ORGANIZATION AWARD

# RECIPIENT

For 30 years, the CDVC has been a beacon of hope in the Calgary area, working to provide seamless service delivery and supports for those affected by family violence. As a large collective with representation from multiple systems and over 50 organizations, they have demonstrated the power of collaboration with numerous achievements. The CDVC has been instrumental in many key initiatives, including creating a men's domestic conflict helpline in 1996, supporting the establishment of HomeFront in 1998 and executing the Domestic Violence Protocol Project. The Protocol Project resulted in better working relationships between various medical facilities and non-profit agencies, created greater efficiencies for service providers and, most importantly, provided those in need of support, with a better quality of care.



**Calgary Domestic  
Violence Collective**

INSPIRATION  
**AWARDS 2013**

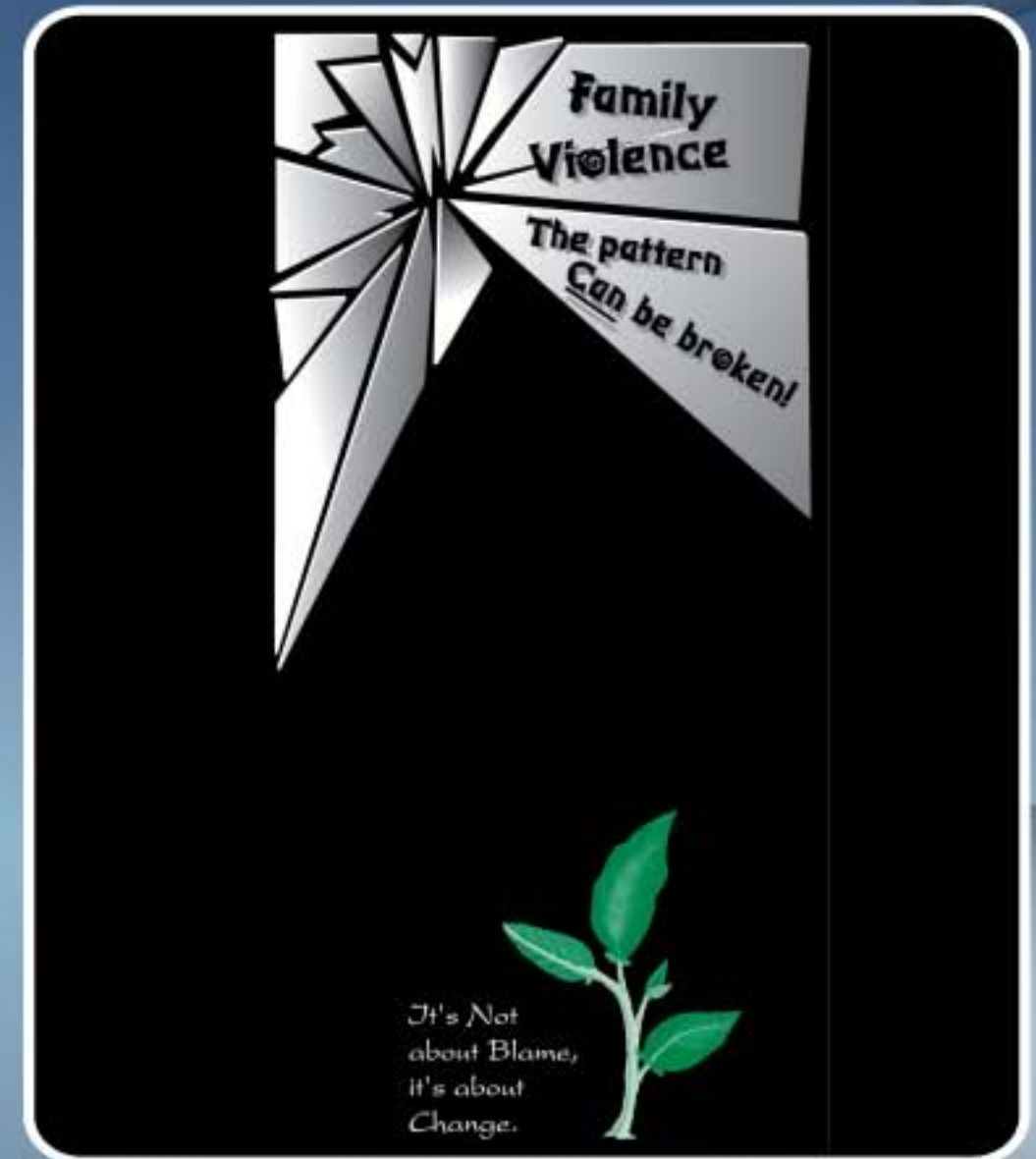
*Alberta* 

GROUP/ORGANIZATION AWARD

# RECIPIENT

What do “The Cop, the Holy Roller and the Dragon Lady” have to do with family violence? They are just a few of the many dedicated community members who came together to take action following a triple murder-suicide of a young family in Drayton Valley. What started as a few volunteer drivers who could transport women and children leaving violent situations to safety has become a dynamic group of men and women in the community who have pooled their expertise and passion to form CFVI. They’ve developed a free program to teach participants to recognize abusive situations and behaviours and to make healthier decisions. The success of the program led to the creation of the Drayton Valley CFVI Group Facilitator Training Manual, which has become an important tool for other Alberta communities.

Alberta



**Drayton Valley Comprehensive  
Family Violence Institute**

INSPIRATION  
**AWARDS 2013**

GROUP/ORGANIZATION AWARD

# RECIPIENT

In 2008, a “vision” of partnership for the Vision 4 Non-Violence Committee was created between the communities of Carstairs and Didsbury. The Committee members are a passionate group of people that have been instrumental in promoting safe and healthy environments for families to grow and thrive in these communities ever since.

In adapting their work from the very successful program in Drayton Valley, the Committee has achieved excellence in co-ordinating local resources, talents and people to create a unique and meaningful response to the complex problem of family violence.



**Vision 4 Non-Violence  
Committee**

*Alberta* 

INSPIRATION  
**AWARDS 2013**



# GOVERNMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Throughout his tenure as Mayor, Mr. Mandel has made a commitment to ending family violence and leveraging his spheres of influence to create change. In 2005, the first Breakfast with the Guys event was conceived. At a time when many questioned why men should be involved in a women's issue, Mr. Mandel stepped up. He saw how men are uniquely positioned to make dramatic change for those affected by family violence. In 2011, he created the Family Business Connect Initiative, which has been a catalyst for many businesses to create policies and recognize the implications of domestic abuse, not only in the home but in the work force. It is inspiring for us all to have a public leader who has taken such a visible stand to end family violence.



**Stephen Mandel**

# GOVERNMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Heather has over 20 years of experience working as a pioneer and trailblazer in the family violence field, including developing protocols as a member of the Steering Committee for Community Initiatives Against Family Violence (CIAFV), developing a family violence program for youth, called “Expecting Respect”, using a multi-sector approach for addressing family violence and poverty elimination, and as a founding member and current chair of the Alberta Asset Building Collaborative – Edmonton Chapter. She also co-chairs the innovative Empower U: Building Confident Futures initiative and is part of the provincial and national asset building network. Heather believes in the importance of early intervention and works tirelessly in partnership with community agencies to raise awareness of family violence prevention.



**Heather Morrison**

# LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Marta Burns has dedicated her life to helping women and children who have been affected by family violence. For more than 25 years, Marta has been a successful lawyer, mother and volunteer working in her community and has helped to provide safe, healthy homes for women and children. She has served as President of the Board for KARA Family Support Centre Society and for the last 19 years, Marta has been dedicated to the WINGS of Providence Society - a second-stage shelter for women and children fleeing family violence. Marta is involved in many successful initiatives at WINGS', including the highly regarded "Mother's Day Tea," which has been hosted annually for the last 18 years. Marta has also served as the President of WINGS board since 2002, and she was a tenacious and driving force behind WINGS' successful capital campaign for a new 20-suite facility for women and children. Marta then applied these skills and championed a second capital campaign and the completion of the "Home Next Door" - a 30 unit affordable housing complex for women and children who wish to continue their healing journeys. Marta leads with passion, is a creative thinker, and is a rare and treasured gem who inspires all those around her.



**Marta Burns**