

## Check Against Delivery

### Recovery of Hearts and Minds

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**Honourable Sandra Jansen, Associate Minister of Family and Community Safety, Human Services**

Thank Diane Jones and Joan Roy of the Calgary Distress Centre for hosting the event today and for their ongoing partnership in the operation of the Family Violence Info Line and the Bullying Helpline.

Thank Sherrie Botten of Rowan House and all the women's emergency shelter providers joining us today.

I am so pleased to be here to honour the work that has been done over the past twelve months.

Many lives were turned upside down and so many needed help.

When I think back to what those first days were like, I recall the uncertainty and fear, but I also recall the resolve.

I remember how people and groups and government came together.

To the agencies represented in today's announcement, you are the ones that Albertans look to for help.

And all of you trusted that we, as your government partner, would be there for you, with the extra funding you needed.

Together we learned, from moment to moment, what was needed.

And together, we were nimble enough to respond.

I want to thank you, as agencies and as people who were personally affected, for putting the services first and knowing that the logistics and funding would follow as soon as we could.

I wish I could say that all that is behind us.

But healing from a trauma of this magnitude takes a long time.

Living under ongoing stress is difficult and can come at a terrible price. Incidents of family violence can emerge long after, when life just doesn't seem to be returning back to normal.

We know this from research in other areas of the world and I know that the expertise in this room can confirm it.

But we also know that recovery is possible - with continued support, encouragement and time.

Again, thank you for your work.

Calgary, High River and southern Alberta are better and stronger places because of all of you.