

INSPIRATION AWARDS

Leadership in Family Violence Prevention

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2012

YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENT

Adrienne is a mentor for survivors of sexual assault as well as a committed prevention advocate. As a Red Cross RespectED Education Coordinator, Adrienne facilitated workshops to Calgary junior and senior high school classrooms on abuse prevention and connects with students who disclose abuse.

Adrienne is also a founding and active member of Stepping Up, a Mount Royal University initiative that uses peer facilitation to model healthy relationships and provide support for students dealing with dating violence.



Adrienne Pohlman

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Over the past four years, the Métis Settlement Youth Network and their TAPWE Warriors have hosted gatherings for youth and families to learn about the effects of family violence on children, healthy coping mechanisms and ways to break the cycle of violence.

These youth volunteer their time and share their stories of personal trauma in the hopes of creating a safe place for dialogue and to help break the “code of silence” surrounding family violence. They have been influential role models for Métis youth and have also influenced Alberta’s policy makers.



**Métis Settlement
Youth Network**

TAPWE Warriors

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Maaliter has spent much of his youth volunteering at Hope Haven Women's Shelter in Lac La Biche. He started coming to the shelter to help with child care while his mother facilitated a women's group. He helped with snacks, rocking the babies and playing with the children. Over the years, Maaliter has become a mentor and a role model to many of the children.

So much so that when the shelter has children new to the community who are struggling in school, Maaliter is asked to spend time with them. He has helped many children with the transition to a new school and continues to volunteer his time to help tutor them as they make the difficult transition.



Maaliter Teng-Yang

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INDIVIDUAL AWARD RECIPIENT

For almost four decades, Jagjeet Bhardwaj has been a tireless community volunteer, trying to prevent domestic violence and educate immigrant women about their rights. She has worked through the Indo-Canadian Women's Association (ICWA) to connect immigrant women in abusive and fraudulent relationships to police, social agencies and the legal system.

Mrs. Bhardwaj has also edited and co-edited several books, including Family Law for Recent Immigrants, International Arranged Marriages, New Horizons and Human Rights Education for Families. In 2012, she organized a successful conference, titled "In The Name of Honour: Cultural Practices That Hurt Women, in Edmonton." Mrs. Bhardwaj is the past president of the ICWA and she is currently serving as the Treasurer.



Jagjeet Bhardwaj

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Lisa is the driving force behind the Mamowichitowin program, a regional therapy program designed to help families heal from intergenerational sexual abuse and family violence.

For the past ten years, Lisa has successfully built up a strong network of partnerships and donors that has resulted in funding to train agencies and groups to better manage the disclosure of abuse.

The program helps workers support victims by sharing the message of healthy relationships. The treatment model is a radical departure from the norm. It is both intensive and proven to be cost effective.

Thanks to Lisa's passion and dedication, the Mamowichitowin program has already helped more than 350 individuals.



Lisa Higgerty

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Linda is the Alberta Health Services Domestic Violence Program Coordinator/Educator. She has been an active member of Connect (family and sexual abuse network) since its inception.

She has championed healthcare provider training across the province on universal screening since 2001 and has made it her life's mission to ensure all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault have the opportunity to learn what their options are in a safe environment.

Linda is a highly sought-after guest speaker and educator and, in 2011, she completed 96 presentations to over 1,700 participants. She continues to spur health professionals towards a more consistent and effective response to this public health issue.



Linda McCracken

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GROUP/ORGANIZATION AWARD **RECIPIENT**

The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS) is 43 members strong. For almost 30 years, ACWS has worked to raise awareness of the prevention of family violence while advocating for better financial support for abused women and the shelters that serve them.

The first ever World Conference of Women's Shelters was organized by ACWS in 2008, where more than 800 participants from across the globe came together and formed the global network of Women's Shelters.

ACWS continues to be a leader in addressing family violence by sharing best practices at conferences and think-tanks around the world.



**Alberta Council of
Women's Shelters (ACWS)**
Jan Reimer - Executive Director

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Under the leadership of Staff Sergeant Tom McNulty, the Brooks RCMP Detachment has made substantial strides in bridging the gap between safety and support. The RCMP has taken a leadership role to prevent and respond to family violence through the creation of a new pilot project, the Domestic Violence Intervention Team.

The goal of this project is to decrease incidents of violence in the home through a joint effort in early intervention and rapid connection to community supports. Staff Sergeant McNulty and his team continue to actively build strong community partnerships to create a safer environment for victims of family violence.

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**Royal Canadian Mounted
Police, Brooks Detachment
Staff Sergeant Tom McNulty**

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PACE has been a leader in addressing family and sexual violence, and trauma issues, since its inception in the early 1980s. The agency's key accomplishments include bringing Safe Visitation, Caring Dads, and victim treatment programs to Grande Prairie, and treatment services to the rural communities of Peace River, Valley View, and High Prairie.

PACE is a founding agency member of the Grande Prairie and Area Prevention of Family Violence Network, Alberta Association of Sexual Assault Services, RCMP Victims Assistance Program, Camp Little Buffalo, Treatment Program for Men Who Batter, Community Critical Response Team, Suicide Prevention Resource Centre, and Caribou Child and Youth Centre.

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**PACE – Providing
Assistance, Counselling
and Education**

Jacquie Aitkens - Executive Director

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BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENT

The staff of the Home Depot in Medicine Hat are fond of asking the question, “What more can we do?” This team, led by Ms. Dean Stuart, has provided unconditional support to survivors of family and sexual violence through donations of furniture, barbecues, picnic tables and new flooring to the local shelter.

Home Depot’s generous contributions are all made with the goal of creating a comfortable home for women and children who have left an abusive situation and are making a new start.



Medicine Hat Home Depot
Dean Stuart

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For over 33 years, Deborah has worked to advance family violence prevention law and women's rights in Canada. Her key contributions include supporting victims of violence as a volunteer. Counsellor at the Rape Crisis Centre, co-founding A Safe Place Shelter in Sherwood Park, and acting as a legal advocate in the nationwide fight to disallow the right of defence counsel to use the victim's personal sexual history to shield defendants from culpability.

One of Ms. Miller's most important contributions to victims of family violence was spearheading the establishment of the Family Law Office, which supports people who cannot afford to hire a lawyer in family law matters.



Deborah Miller
Family Law Office, Legal Aid

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