



Daughters Day 2018

City Hall – Edmonton, Alberta
Saturday, September 8, 2018



**Message from Dr. Vivian Abboud,
Chair of Daughters Day**



It is my honour to welcome you to the 7th annual Daughters Day that celebrates the lives, contributions and achievements of all daughters. Today's event includes the Mayor's proclamation of Daughters Day, followed by the daughters of the year award presentations, a keynote speech by Lesley MacDonald, an information fair and entertainment by local artists Basmah Batar, Robin Sabiston-Cisek, Andrew and Stefania Zagrosh and Ojas and Deepshika Joshi.

We wish to thank the Daughters Day founders, Gurcharan S. Bhatia, Satya Das, Charan Khehra, and the late Didar S. Pannu for their vision and commitment to daughters. Inspired by them, we continue to build on their legacy by collaborating, advocating, and advancing the interests of all daughters locally, provincially, nationally and internationally.

Our theme for this year's celebration is "Spectators No More" — challenging us all to fully embrace gender equality and human dignity, and actively engage ourselves in building a civil society to eliminate violence, harassment, discrimination, bullying and abuse in our society and enabling each one of us to realize our full potential.

We applaud all those women and men in our public, private, business and non-profit institutions who are advancing the equal and full participation of women in our lives. We also acknowledge the contributions of #MeToo, #Timeisup, #Pressforprogress, #Beboldforchange and others in highlighting the barriers the women are facing.

We thank our partners the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, IndoCanadian Women's Association, NorQuest College, Sahaara, Servus Credit Union, and others for their strong support of Daughters Day. We wish to express our gratitude to Elexis Schloss and Dr. Eric Schloss for serving on the Canadians for a Civil Society board of directors and supporting us. We are saddened to report the passing of Jiti Bhatia and wish to pay tribute to her for her leadership and strong advocacy of women's rights, as well Senator Tommy Banks for supporting the Daughters Day and playing piano at our past celebration.

We thank the Daughters Day Awards Selection Committee: Judy Piercy, Marnie Suitor, Dr. Christina Nsaliwa, and Sherryl Sewepagaham for reviewing the nominations and making the selections. Our heartiest congratulations to our 2018 Daughters of the Year award recipients: Tina Guo, Ruby Littlechild, Lynsae Moon, Melissa-Jo Belcourt Moses. Amber Sayed, and Beryl Linda Scott.

To my colleagues on the Daughters Day organizing committee members: Gurcharan Bhatia, Vasant Chotai, Mita Das, Papiya Das, Suneeta Jobanputra, Charan Khehra, and the coordinator Debbie Houle. — let me say a big thank you for their leadership.

Finally, let me thank each and every one of you for being here this afternoon and supporting us. Please stay connected and enjoy the day.

Dr. Vivian Abboud
Chair, Daughters Day

Message from Vasant Chotai, President Canadians for a Civil Society



I would like to start by acknowledging that today's celebration takes place on the traditional lands of the Treaty 6 that includes the territories of several First Nations as well as the Metis people who have called this place home for many, many years.

Daughters Day is the flagship initiative of Canadians for a Civil Society (CCS). The objectives of CCS are to promote a civil society that affirms and celebrates our common humanity, dignity, and civility in our relationships as contained in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It advocates, promotes and supports peace, literacy, democratic participation, rule of law, and equal opportunity, these being the five pillars of a civil society.

Since its birth in 2010, CCS has been celebrating the Daughters Day. It has also held Alberta-wide community consultations to end gender discrimination, screened films on human rights and social justice issues, held a citizen engagement session on Canadian values, organized three symposiums on 'Building Empathy, Conquering Apathy', and presented a brief on "Building a Racism-free Alberta" to Alberta minister of education. Some of our future strategic plans include the engaging with Alberta government strategy and like-minded organizations and on racism and human rights, and seeking stakeholder support in establishing a campus Alberta chair on human rights and citizenship.

CCS has partnered with the University of Alberta, McEwen University, NorQuest College, Northern Institute of Technology, IndoCanadian Women's Association and has brought together educators, policy makers, human-rights advocates, academics, non-profit and front-line service workers to discuss the issues and strategies to prevent human-rights violations in Canada. I invite you to learn more about CCS by visiting us online at www.ccsorg.ca and Daughters Day at daughtersday.com.

It is with heavy hearts we report the passing of our colleague Jiti Bhatia, a co-founder of CCS and a strong advocate of women's rights and supporter of Daughters Day.

Today, we celebrate the lives of six daughters who are certainly not spectators but who have taken action to improve their lives and the lives of those around them. My heartiest congratulations to Dr. Vivian Abboud, and her Daughters Day organizing committee, for this celebration.

Vasant Chotai, President
Canadians for a Civil Society

Program of Events

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City Hall, Edmonton

<i>12:00 PM</i>	<i>Information Fair and Refreshments</i>
<i>12:30 PM</i>	<i>Sitar and Tabla Performance</i>
<i>1:00 PM</i>	<i>Entry of Daughters Day Recipients and Guests</i>
<i>1:05 PM</i>	<i>O Canada</i>
<i>1:10 PM</i>	<i>Opening Prayer</i>
<i>1:15 PM</i>	<i>Greetings from the Government of Canada</i>
<i>1:20 PM</i>	<i>Greetings from the Province of Alberta</i>
<i>1:25 PM</i>	<i>Mayor's Proclamation of Daughters Day</i>
<i>1:30 PM</i>	<i>Chair of the Daughters Day Advisory Committee</i>
<i>1:35 PM</i>	<i>President of Canadians for a Civil Society</i>
<i>1:40 PM</i>	<i>Ukrainian Dance</i>
<i>1:45 PM</i>	<i>Keynote Speech</i>
<i>2:05 PM</i>	<i>Vocal Performance</i>
<i>2:10 PM</i>	<i>Daughters of the Year Presentations</i>
<i>2:30 PM</i>	<i>Vocal Performance</i>
<i>2:35 PM</i>	<i>Closing Comments</i>
<i>2:40 PM</i>	<i>Daughters Day Song</i>



Hon. Amarjeet Sohi
M.P. for Edmonton Mill Woods



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM HON. AMARJEET SOHI, P.C., MP

As Member of Parliament for Edmonton Mill Woods and on behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to welcome you to the annual Daughters Day celebration.

As the Member of Parliament for Edmonton Mill Woods, I am proud of our community promoting equality for women and girls. Daughters Day is a celebration of the contributions and achievements of daughters in Edmonton. While we continue to make stride in creating opportunities, we still have a long way to go and more work to do.

The Civil Society has a strong partnership at the community level to build inclusive communities that empower daughters to be leaders. I am proud to be part of today's celebration and support the promotion of gender equality and ending gender-based discrimination. The full participation of women in Canada's workforce and our civil society is essential for us all to thrive and live happy and meaningful lives.

I am happy to congratulate the 2018 Daughters of the Year for their achievements. Thank you to Canadians for a Civil Society and the Daughters Day Committee for your continued work and a successful Daughters Day.

Yours Sincerely,

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Premier of Alberta

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Message from Honourable Rachel Notley Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to send greetings to all those celebrating Daughters Day.

This special day is a celebration of the achievements of Alberta women, with a distinct focus on the work being done for gender equity. I am proud that our government has set an important example as Canada's first gender-balanced cabinet and that our government introduced Alberta's first stand-alone Status of Women ministry. We will continue to build a better Alberta by the experience of women in relation to economic security, gender-based violence, leadership, and democratic participation.

I thank everyone in attendance for ensuring our daughters feel supported, enabled, and empowered to set high standards not only for themselves but for the entire world. Your encouragement helps make our province a place where every woman has equal opportunity to succeed and reach her full potential.

Thank you also to the Canadians for a Civil Society and volunteers of Daughters Day for making today a fantastic success!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R Notley', written in a cursive style.

Rachel Notley

September 9, 2017



Message from His Worship Mayor Don Iveson

On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, I'd like to welcome everyone to Daughters Day 2018.

Daughters Day serves as a celebration of women and the immense impact they have on our communities. It also serves as an important reminder of the work we still have to do to create a more equitable and fair society. Daughters make up just over half of our city's population, yet are consistently undercompensated, underrepresented and are most likely to face discrimination, abuse and violence.

City Council is committed to making Edmonton a city that is welcoming and supportive of all of our citizens, which is why we've established the Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton (WAVE) Committee and the Women's Initiative. Daughters Day is another way for our community to stand up for equality, raise awareness and further support growth and change. Today's event promises to be a meaningful celebration of the brilliant, talented and caring daughters who make our city a better place to live.

I thank the Daughters Day steering committee as well as the many volunteers and donors who make this event possible. Your passion and enthusiasm help create a more welcoming, diverse and vibrant city for all of us.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Iveson'.

Don Iveson
Mayor

Daughters Day Recipients 2018



Beryl Linda Scott

Born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Beryl moved to the UK where she trained as a Registered Nurse and Midwife. After moving to Canada in 1976, she worked as a nurse in Hamilton, ON and Edmonton. Since retiring, Beryl continues to be active in nursing and union organizations.

In all her professional and volunteer activities, Beryl Scott has been a mentor for others and a champion for human rights. She volunteers in the community, assisting in school lunch programs, fighting for the rights of the most vulnerable in our society and working to improve the lives of single parents, children, workers of colour, First Nations people and the LGBTQ community. Beryl volunteers for numerous non-profit organizations, assisting both behind the scenes and at public events.

Beryl has been recognized both in Great Britain and in Edmonton for her hard work and commitment to improving the lives of others. Among other honours, she was awarded the Afro-Canadian Heroes Award – Community Woman of the year by Diversity Magazine (AfroFest). For 26 years, Beryl Scott served on the Board of the United Nurses of Alberta. She served as President for the Centre for Race and Culture and is currently President of the Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation.

Beryl Scott is a strong, caring woman who has never been a spectator in any aspect of her life. She is passionate about creating an inclusive society free of racism through systemic changes and intercultural understanding. Beryl reaches out to individuals from diverse communities, involving them in activities that benefit society in order to create a better life for all.





Melissa-Jo Belcourt Moses - Over 2 decades of work and a lifetime of passion is how MJ describes her life's work thus far. First and foremost a traditional Metis artisan, invited to the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival in 2006 to represent Alberta by demonstrating her traditional artwork. There after she received the Aboriginal Role Models of Alberta 2009 Arts Award for her contribution as a certified cultural arts instructor.

Her passion lies in her cultural heritage where she continues to research to find better understanding of her ancestral legacy she follows. She continues to support the community both aboriginal and non-aboriginal in facilitating workshops to teach both the history and traditional craft skills.

As a certified Native Cultural Art Instructor MJ has taught traditional Indigenous arts in First Nations communities, schools, and post-secondary institutions like the Alberta Vocational College and University of Alberta. She served as an educator at the Royal Alberta Museum in the Syncrude Aboriginal Culture Gallery for eight years between 1998 and 2010.

She has facilitated the involvement of Indigenous peoples culture in festivals such as the Silver Skate Festival, Deep Freeze Festival, Kaleido Festival, Rubaboo, Flying Canoe, Dreamspeakers and "Kiyanaw" as part of Edmonton's Klondike Days/Capital Days from 2008 to 2014.

She has recently taken on in creating wardrobe for films and documentaries.





Tina Guo - Tina Guo is a second-year medical student at the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine. Born and raised in Calgary, Tina grew up as a second-generation immigrant with parents who emigrated from China. Following the second year of her undergraduate university education, she founded and currently serves as the co-Executive Director of the University of Calgary's Student's Against Domestic Abuse Association, the first student-run initiative of its kind in Canada. In addition, she served as co-chair of the Calgary chapter of Outrun the Stigma, a national not-for-profit organization that hosts the largest mental health run annually on multiple campuses throughout Canada to promote mental health and raise money for local agencies that provide counselling and mental health services.

Currently, Tina also serves as the Finance Executive of the Student Run Clinic, which allows medical student clinicians to provide free clinical services for marginalized homeless and refugee populations under the guidance of family physician preceptors. Tina has conducted research at both the O'Brien Institute for Public Health and the Dave Hansen Lab in the University of Calgary, Faculty of Science, Department of Biological Sciences. For her leadership experience, commitment to community service, and advocacy for marginalized populations, Tina was invited to be a keynote speaker at the HERstory Leadership Day Conference hosted by the Famous 5 Foundation and the Carya Society of Calgary. In addition, Tina has been recognized for her writing pertaining to medical humanities, and her work has been featured in The Longview medical student journal.





Lynsae Moon -Lynsae comes by activism and relationship building inherently. As a child, Lynsae would leave her parents' sides to sit with the homeless along Jasper avenue, and to this day, not much has changed. She is just as passionate about using the power of personal connection to make a positive difference through many job ventures, activism projects, and volunteer roles.

She started working in cafes as a teen and returned to the industry as a young mum in her mid-twenties eventually earning a role as Operations Manager in a well-known local cafe. These endeavors have fostered her most recent and rewarding adventure yet; opening The Nook Cafe. Since the cafe opened last summer, Lynsae has been recognized for contributing to inclusive revitalization in its neighbourhood and for constantly striving to help people find their voices and empower them. She would tell you that she doesn't run a business -she creates a family and a community.

She is no stranger to the challenges and barriers to accessing the supports for those she has cared for, be it emergent or ongoing needs. Lynsae has helped mothers with postpartum depression, advocated for her first husband who was arrested under the Mental Health Act and worked tirelessly to get support for their shared children. She also creates a safe space for people at her cafe, The Nook, where she regularly connects folks in need with appropriate resources while providing a place for them to be visible and a part of day to day public life.

Lynsae is interested in changing the dialogue around mental health and wellness to create a world where the stigma is eradicated. She believes in normalizing the experiences of those living with and those affected by mental illness.



Ruby Littlechild - Ruby Littlechild is Plains Cree from Maskwacis, Alberta. Her primary passion is promoting inclusion, equality, higher education, diversity, mentoring and the healing of Indigenous peoples from colonization. She works toward alleviating systemic barriers, stigmas and stereotypes that Indigenous peoples face. She is a proud mother and has worked hard to achieve a Masters of Education and a Masters of Business Administration. She is a strong community builder, dedicating her time to national, provincial and local Boards including the Advancement of Native Development Officers, the Income and Employment Supports Appeal Panel, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.

Ruby is currently the manager of the Alberta Indigenous Construction Career Centre (AICCC) at Norquest College, a unique client focused employment service designed to connect prospective Indigenous workers with employers recruiting for construction related careers.

She designed the AICCC to be a culturally safe and accepting environment for all clients and staff. Ruby and her team lead the AICCC as a successful community economic development model based on strong rural and urban community collaborations. The AICCC responds to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's calls to action for a more equitable and inclusive society by closing the gaps in social, health and economic outcomes that exist between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians. The Centre has undeniable outcomes serving over 3000 individuals in three years with a 99% levels of client satisfaction despite a very challenging and high demand work environment.



Amber Sayed - Amber Sayed is a first year Science student at the University of Alberta, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Political Science. She has served her community as a volunteer for multiple student organizations and has served and a Youth Leadership Mentor for younger students, as well as worked as the President of both her high school Student Council and Mental Health Awareness Club.

She has spearheaded initiatives such as Mental Health Awareness Week, helping educate students and staff about how to care for their mental health. She is a member of the City of Edmonton Youth Council and is very passionate about advocating for and representing youth on a multitude of municipal issues. Amber has also served on Alberta's provincial Minister's Youth Council as a student advisor the Minister of Education on changes being made to the Alberta curriculum, advocating strongly for better mental health support systems for students in Alberta.

This year, she also co-founded a federal, non-partisan youth group in her constituency to provide a platform for discussion and information on important issues affecting the youth in her community. During the last two summers, Amber has also been working at both the University of Alberta and the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital as a student researcher. In the future, she hopes to continue to contribute to her communities and remain and actively involved citizen.

Performers and Honored Guests 2018



Lesley MacDonald, Keynote Speaker - Lesley was born and raised in Campbellton, New Brunswick, which she describes as “a small town between a mountain and a river in the middle of nowhere!” Her educational background began with business and political science at Bishop’s University in Lenn, Quebec, followed by Radio and Television Arts at Ryerson University in Toronto.

Lesley began her career at Global Toronto as a copy clerk, and quickly rose through the ranks to become an associate producer. She later became the station’s entertainment reporter/anchor. In 1987, Lesley made the big move to ITV (now Global Edmonton) to co-anchor and co-produce the 6 PM and 10 PM newscasts. After a two-year hiatus, she returned in 1996 to help launch the station’s new 5:30 PM newscast which she anchored for a decade.

Lesley has a strong entrepreneurial spirit. She formed Viewpoint Productions in 1995 to manage a wide range of television and business ventures. She has hosted three national television series, produced and hosted corporate videos, and provided media coaching and consulting services to businesses and government organizations. For many years, Lesley was also the female voice of the national specialty television network, Family Channel.

She is also a sought-after public speaker and acts as host, moderator, MC, and speaker for many local and national programs and events. Lesley is an active member in the community. She has served on the United Way cabinet for the past 10 years. She is also a member of the Downtown Rotary Club, and has been the recipient of a Rotary District of Northern Alberta Integrity Award. She has also received a Woman of Style Award for Excellence in Broadcasting. She may have a packed schedule, but Lesley finds time to serve as director of communications for Manasc Isaac Architects.



Nancy Carlson, Master of Ceremonies - Nancy Carlson anchors Global News at 11 weeknights on Global Edmonton. Nancy was born and raised in Edmonton. She has a Bachelor of Journalism with honours from the University of Regina and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta. When Nancy isn't at the station you can find her representing Global Edmonton in the community. She's been involved with numerous organizations including HIV Edmonton and Habitat for Humanity.

Before Nancy heads into work each day she's either training for her next marathon or baking cookies. She also enjoys relaxing with a book, her cat Oliver, and a bottomless cup of coffee.



Glenn Stewart, Bagpipes - Glenn Stewart is a piper with the Edmonton and District Pipe Band and has been playing bagpipes for eighteen years. Glenn is a citizenship and Immigration consultant. Highlights of his career include performing at the Canadian citizenship ceremonies and the Canada Day celebrations at the Alberta Legislature. He has competed in several band competitions in Edmonton as well as the world pipe band championships in Scotland in 2002 and in 2015.



Brittney Pastion, Canadian Anthem - What Brittney wants to achieve in life is to pave the way for Indigenous people, while promoting a good image for the people from her home reserve, the Alexis Nakoda Sioux Nation. Through her actions she would like to show the youth that with hard work and dedication anything is possible. She would like to work in the television industry, displaying a new image for Indigenous people. As the inaugural Northlands Indigenous Princess, she helps educate those in our city about indigenous culture. She is currently working with Edmonton Northlands plan Indigenous programming for Klondike Days.

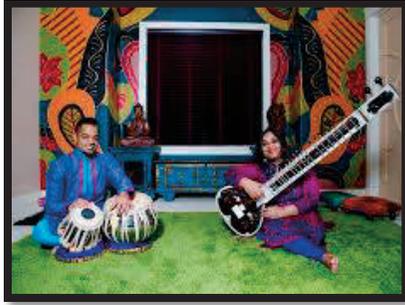


Alaa Bitar Photography - Alaa Bitar has been a photographer for 15 years. He was inspired to capture the memories of his subjects through photography. His goal is to open a photography school and pass on his passion for photography. For more information visit him at www.facebook.com/AlaaBitar



Listen Louder Productions - (LLP) was established in 2011 by Rae Weinfeld. Originally known as MKT Productions, and created by LLP's lead technician Mike Tulley, Listen Louder is now owned and operated by long-time technician Jesse Dymianiw. The company is deeply rooted in the Edmonton arts community. We have worked closely with numerous organizations in the Edmonton area such as the Edmonton Arts Council (EAC), Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL), Alberta Union of Public Employees (AUPE), and Alberta New Democrats (ABNDP) to name a few.

LLP's goal has always been to provide high quality, professional audio/visual solutions to a wide array of individuals and organizations, without compromising the end product due to budgetary restraints.



Ojas and Deepshikha Joshi, Tabla and Sitar Duo - Ojas Joshi began training in the art of Indian classical percussion in 1988, with primary focus on the Hindustani (northern) traditions. He is truly privileged to be a student of the great Tabla exponents Ustad Zakir Hussain, Ustad Fazal Qureshi, and the legendary late Ustad Alla Rakha. Ojas has been a featured percussionist in a wide variety of musical genres, including Jazz, Indian Classical, and Folk, on both albums and television programs. He regularly participates in music festivals across North America and maintains a strong focus of passing on the tradition to new students.

Deepshikha Joshi started her musical journey at the age of nine from a music school in India. She is a Sangeet Visharad. Her interest in music, gradually deepened and she was soon introduced and learning with the renowned Sitarist Pt. Deviram Arya. In 2003, she became a disciple of the great Sitar Maestro Pt. Uma Shankar Mishra and learnt the advanced techniques of Sitar under his guidance. Deepshikha has participated in many prestigious music festivals in India and has received scholarships from Sangeet Natak Academy. Deepshikha is currently learning under the tutelage of Pt. Nayan Ghosh, who is a Sitar maestro and a Tabla exponent. She specializes in Classical music and is actively involved in teaching and performing music and working for the propagation of Indian Classical Music in Canada.



Robin Sabiston-Cisek - Robin is a Metis, pop-alternative musician from Alberta. Robin has her own unique sound, and great vocal range and clarity. Robin's very recent triumphs include her first original releases. With the guidance and support of Grammy award winning Producers in NYC and LA, Robin has produced her own unique sound. These accomplishments came after many years of health problems. Robin had a diagnosis of thoracic outlet syndrome at a young age and the diagnosis quickly led to a major surgery. Robin had some major health issues in her life, these challenges helped drive her passion for music and her artistic expression. Through her struggles and the years following, she struggled with having to give up some of her passions. This is what led her towards music. She always loved singing and finally gained the courage to experiment and pursue it. Robin, taking a leap of faith, joined a school music program and has been pursuing a career in music ever since.



Basmah Bitar – Basmah is a mother of five from Syria who is new to Canada. She has been in Canada for over two years and has set her sights on a career in pharmacy.



Andrew and Stefania Zagrosh, Ukranian Dancers - Andrew is 14 years of age and his sister Stefania is 12 years of age. Both dance with Sopilka School of Ukrainian Dance out of Vegreville Alberta for over 10 years. They love Ukrainian Dancing, their dog Snuggles, and great adventures. As dancers they enjoy sharing their passion with others throughout various venues. Their most recent performance include the Pysanka Festival.



Paula Kirman, Videography and Daughters Day Song - Paula is an award-winning writer, photographer, filmmaker, musician, activist, and a 2014 Daughter of the Year. She has documented Edmonton's activist scene for over a decade at her blog RadicalCitizenMedia.com; produced a community access program about local activism which aired on Shaw TV for three years; and her photography was part of a three-person exhibit at Visual Arts Alberta called "Art + Activism" during the latter part of 2016. Paula edits an inner city community newspaper and works with numerous non-profit groups as a social media and website consultant. Paula is a co-organizer of Edmonton's Women's March, which saw 4000 people attend in 2017 and 1000 people attend this past January for the one-year anniversary event.

She is also part of the Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action, Project Ploughshares Edmonton, and the Edmonton Coalition Against War & Racism. In May of 2018, she received the Award of Merit for Advocacy of Social Justice from the Edmonton Social Planning Council as well as a Muse Award from Edmonton Muse Magazine. In December of 2016, she received the Human Rights Champion Award from the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights for being a pioneering media artist and community organizer. Her previous awards include receiving the Salvos Prelentzos Peace Award from Project Ploughshares Edmonton in 2012, and receiving First Prize in the 2016 Inner City Poetry Contest.

Selection Committee 2018



Judy Piercy - Judy is a former journalist and retired Managing Director of CBC Edmonton who is now a partner in Pen and Lens Communications. Judy has had a lifelong interest in human rights and spent most of her career writing stories about marginalized Canadians. As a reporter, Judy specialized in stories about Indigenous issues, natural resources and conflict over land use. Her interest in Indigenous people took her to CBC north, where she reported on-air and produced stories from around the Northwest Territories.



Dr. Christina Nsaliwa - Dr. Christina Nsaliwa is originally from Malawi, a country located in the southern part of Africa. She completed an undergraduate degree in education, a master of arts in human ecology, and a Ph.D. in education administration. Education has always played an important part in her life. She is an educator through and through, taking on leadership roles to make a difference in people's lives. Whether working with students, employees, or newcomers, she has always strived to make a difference in other people's lives.



Marnie Sutor - Marnie is a founding Principal Partner of In Synch consulting Inc., a boutique consultancy firm, catering primarily to Indigenous communities, organizations and individuals. Marnie had a long standing career in the banking industry prior to her consulting profession, firstly as a senior manager with a large firm, then as owner/principal partner in her own. Marnie has spent the majority of her working life supporting and encouraging others to reach their dreams. She recently embarked on her own dream – to own and manage a community café, The Nook, located in the heart of the city. The aim of the café is to provide a safe and comfortable space for people of all backgrounds to meet and visit.



Sherryl Sewepagaham – Sherryl is of Cree-Dene ancestry from the Little Red River Cree Nation in northern Alberta. She holds a Bachelor of Music Therapy (Capilano University) and a Bachelor of Education (University of Alberta). Having taught elementary music for 14 years in Edmonton, Sherryl is an experienced elementary Music Educator focusing on Indigenous Music Education and drum songs for the classroom. Sherryl is a 20-year member of the 2005 Juno-nominated, Edmonton-based trio Asani and composes drum songs in the Cree language. Asani received a 2010 Canadian Folk Music Award, a 2010 Indian Summer Music Award, a 2005 Canadian Aboriginal Music Award, and many other music awards nominations. Asani toured extensively around the world performing at Carnegie Hall in New York, The Kennedy Centre in Washington D.C., and the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver BC.



The Indo-Canadian Women's Association

A non-profit organization established in 1984, ICWA works towards constructive and growth-oriented integration of new immigrants into Canadian society. ICWA is amongst the few organizations in the Edmonton area that advocates for the rights of immigrants, seniors, women, men, and youth. Through the many free programs that the ICWA offers, it encourages, supports, and promotes active participation of new immigrants in the social, economic and political spectrum.

Settlement Services

- Information and Orientation Counselling
- Referrals to Community Services
- Interpretations
- Support and Referrals for Women Experiencing Relationship and/ or Family Issues

Education and Training

- Computer Literacy
- ESL Functional Literacy
- Senior Conversational English
- Citizenship Exam Preparation

Community Activities

- Youth Programs
- Women's Wellness programs
- Seniors programs

Events

- International Women's Day
- International Day of The Girl Child
- Family Violence Prevention Day
- Multicultural Celebrations
- Peace Fest

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A very special congratulations to AWILL member, **Lynsae Moon**. You're leadership light shines bright!

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The Edmonton Heritage Council is a connector, a catalyst and an advocate for Edmonton's heritage and history, convening conversations and sparking action that connects citizens with the city's diverse heritage and story. EHC provides leadership, support and programs to help Edmontonians research, preserve, interpret and advocate for their heritage.


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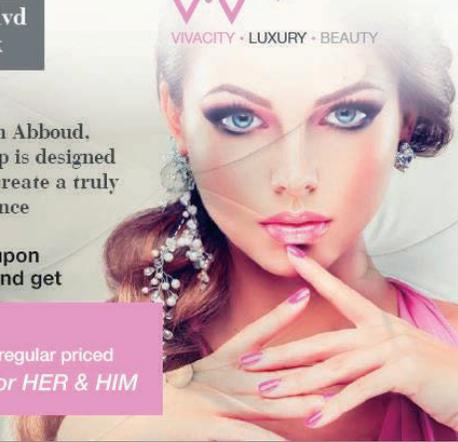
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Daughters Day 2018

Daughters Day is a community initiative to highlight the importance of the daughters in all our lives – every girl and woman is a daughter – and to support the flourishing of communities committed to an end to all discrimination and to stopping human rights abuses against women. Community members in Edmonton resolved to increase awareness about loving, caring, and sharing daughters as human beings, mothers, and leaders in fields such as medicine, business, arts, education, and politics can have a great influence on more peaceful successful communities. We invite you to get involved.

Vision - Our goal is to highlight the importance of the daughters in all our lives – every girl and woman is a daughter – and to support the flourishing of communities committed to an end to all discrimination and to stopping human rights abuses against women.

Mission – Our mission is for the elimination of gender inequality, violence, and discrimination against girls and women at home, at school, in the workplace, and on the street.

What We Do – Daughters Day celebrates the lives, contributions, and achievements of all daughters in society.

Why?

- To support the dreams and aspirations of all daughters.
- To educate the public and decision-makers about the continuing inequalities, human rights abuses, and barriers against daughters, and work towards their elimination.

How?

- By celebrating the first Daughter's Day on September 1, 2012 and annually thereafter on the first Saturday of September.
- By conducting and sharing research on continuing inequalities, human rights abuses, and barriers that daughters face.
- By collaborating, advocating, and advancing the interests of daughters locally, nationally, and internationally.

Founding of Daughters Day - A meeting of 47 representatives from various organizations was held on September 21, 2011 at City Hall to plan the event. It was decided to have an annual celebration of Daughter's Day on a Saturday in the first week of September, before the schools open after summer vacation, with the inaugural Daughters Day to be celebrated on September 1, 2012 at Churchill Square.

Dreams and objectives of establishing a Civil Society in Canada with its population from 193 nationalities, dozens of religions, dozens of cultures, and dozens of languages cannot be achieved unless 50 percent of the population – females – achieve gender equality with the other 50 percent without the threat of violence and discrimination.

Daughters Day Committee 2018:

- Dr. Vivian Abboud, Chair
- Charan Khehra
- Vasant Chotai
- Suneeta Jobanbutra
- Jim Gurnett
- Mita Das
- Papiya Das
- Gurcharan Bhatia





Canadians for a Civil Society is the brainchild of Gurcharan Singh Bhatia, C.M., retired Judge of the Court of Canadian Citizenship and retired Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

Like many great ideas, this one took shape around a kitchen table. Reflecting upon the many worthwhile missions to advance the human condition – culture of peace, human dignity, human rights, peace education – he realized these are all foundations of “a civil society.”

These worthy endeavors are part of a societal evolution, changing attitudes to us in the “other”, sharing our common humanity.

Thus, our mission evolved to establish a culture of human rights as a way of life and a vital catalyst of a more civil society. The chairs around that first kitchen table were occupied by Matt Beckett, Allan Shepard, Jiti Bhatia, Mita Das, Gurcharan Singh Bhatia and Satya Das. This founding group emerged with the ideas that would come to animate our work.

These are encapsulated in our vision paper **A Civil Society: A Habit of the Heart.**

We are delighted you are here, and look forward to your continued engagement and participation. Do contact us at info@ccsorg.ca to shape the journey to a civil society that enables and empowers us all to advance the Common Good.

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