

DAUGHTERS DAY

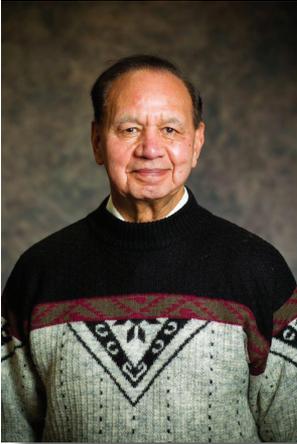
August 24 , 2013

**City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta**



Program

Message from Daughters Day Committee Chair



Welcome!

Welcome to the second annual Daughters Day celebration.

The word daughter resonates a special connection when we think of women as our daughters. Every woman is someone's daughter. Daughters Day is the initiative of the International Association of Citizens for a Civil Society -- a registered non-profit society in Alberta, and is supported by over 40 diverse community organizations and many dedicated volunteers.

Daughters Day celebrates the lives, contributions, and achievements of all daughters; creating a culture of gender equality and eliminating violence and discrimination; and building a civil society that promotes, supports, and enhances the dignity of all its members - without leaving anyone behind because of their gender, economic condition, social standing, or other factors -- a role model for rest of the world. We are committed to collaborating, advocating, and advancing the interests of all daughters locally, nationally and internationally.

Daughters Day is a community event for the whole family, and it includes a commitment walk; mayoral proclamation of Daughters Day; Daughters of the Year presentations; an information fair and other activities; speeches and messages of support; and entertainment.

During autumn this year, we will be holding community engagement consultations in Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, and Slave Lake to learn from various communities, both their positive and negative experiences impacting daughters. The United Nations International Day of the Girl Child on October 11, 2013, will provide us the opportunity to collaborate with other public agencies and community organizations for further reflection.

I wish to thank the Daughters Day founders, advisors, organizing committee, awards selection committee, partner organizations, sponsors, donors, and all levels of government for their continuing strong support. Enjoy the celebration.

Charan Khehra
Chair

Daughters Day Program

August 24, 2013

1:00 PM

Please take some time for the Commitment Walk in the district nearby, using the guide map in this booklet. Or visit the displays of organizations in the information fair and enjoy refreshments.

1:55 PM

- Grand entry of Daughters of the Year
- Welcome: *Lewis Cardinal*
- O Canada
- Greetings from Citizens for a Civil Society: *Charan Khehra*
- Proclamation and greetings from City of Edmonton
- Greetings from Government of Alberta
- Greetings from Government of Canada
- Music: *Darla Daniels*
- Keynote speaker: *Christine Sokaymoh Frederick*
- Music: *Sierra Jamerson*
- Daughters of the Year
- Music: *Rosa Erroa*
- Closing comments: *Jim Gurnett*
- Daughters Day song: *Paula Kirman*



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in today's Commitment Walk marking Daughters Day 2013.

This initiative, now in its second year, brings together individuals and families to champion women and girls —our daughters— and their strengths, accomplishments, and contributions to our society. I would like to congratulate everyone taking part in today's walk for calling attention to the ongoing need to eliminate gender inequality, violence, and discrimination directed at women and girls.

Today, you have also gathered to recognize several remarkable women whose vision, initiative, and tireless efforts to bring about positive change stand as examples for all Canadian women and girls. I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the 2013 Daughters of the Year: your accomplishments are inspirational and remind us that we can all make a difference in our communities.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Stephen Harper". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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Premier of Alberta

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Message from Honourable Alison M. Redford, QC Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my honour to welcome you to the 2013 Daughter's Day Celebration.

Although we live in a democracy with rights and freedoms, we know that discrimination still exists. The work you do to make sure that girls of all ages have full access to justice, human rights and opportunities is important and must continue.

Through advocacy, education and collaboration, we can continue to work toward reducing injustices. In doing so, I hope that we can build an even better society that values and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of women across all sectors—like the Daughters of the Year who are being honoured today.

The spirit of Alberta shines bright through the actions of each of you. Your efforts ensure that all our daughters, and all our sons, can achieve their fullest potential.

I thank you for your continued work and dedication to this important issue.

Alison M. Redford, QC

August 24, 2013



**Message from His Worship
Mayor Stephen Mandel**



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to volunteers and guests of the second annual Daughter's Day celebration in Edmonton.

Daughter's Day is an important opportunity to support the end of discrimination against women, and to celebrate the lives and contributions of all daughters in our community. Promoting public awareness of violence against young girls and women helps protect those who are most vulnerable and helps build better lives for many. After an incredibly successful launch in 2012, this new initiative is becoming a powerful catalyst for making our city more safe, caring and inclusive place to live.

Thank you to the Daughter's Day organizing committee for your hard work and dedication in organizing this event and for your commitment to educating the public about inequalities and barriers against daughters in our society. Your courage and compassion brings new light, perspective and hope to many.

Best wishes for a successful event!

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen Mandel' in a cursive script.

Stephen Mandel
Mayor

Keynote Presenter



Christine Sokaymoh Frederick

Christine Sokaymoh Frederick is chair of Edmonton Arts Council and co-founder/co-director of Alberta Aboriginal Arts, and is the Aboriginal Leadership Academy Coordinator for Centre for Race & Culture. She is a Métis, Edmonton-based artist with many years experience as an actor, writer, singer/musician, dancer, community developer, facilitator, and producer, and she has an arts & cultural administration background with many connections to the local and traditional community in and around Alberta.

She has consulted for the Edmonton's cultural plan The Art of Living (Edmonton Arts Council) and on the 2005 draft of Alberta's Cultural Policy for the Ministry of Alberta's Community Development. Christine is the recipient of the 2007 Esquao Award in Arts & Entertainment. Her children's book, *Minosis Gathers Hope* is in development, including adaptations to the stage for Full Circle Performance's Talking Stick Festival in Vancouver and Edmonton's Concrete Theatre's Sprouts Festival. Christine dedicates herself to promoting and supporting the tender network of Aboriginal artists across Turtle Island.

Host



Lewis Cardinal is a communicator and educator, who has dedicated his work to creating and maintaining connections and relationships that cross-cultural divides. He is former Chair of Edmonton Aboriginal Urban Affairs, an Executive member of the Council of Parliament of World Religions, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters. He is owner of Cardinal Strategic Communications, specializing in education, governance, and communications.

Daughter of the Year Award

Rebecca Fitzsimmons



Rebecca Fitzsimmons is an inspirational advocate for a new generation of families who have chosen to live, work, and raise families in rural Alberta. As an enthusiastic parent volunteer she successfully undertook the challenge of creating and finding resources to have a licensed preschool open in her local school at Savanna in the Peace River region in 2010. In 2012 she organized and implemented the “Food for Thought” school

breakfast nutrition program, recognizing the difficulty of children needing to be on school buses early in the morning for long trips having a good breakfast first. She was honored with the ATA Volunteer of the Year award for her school this year. Rebecca brings other opportunities, such as Zumba classes, to rural areas where such things are not usually available. Rebecca lives on a grain farm with spouse, three children, and a variety of animals. With so much on her plate Rebecca’s youngest daughter thinks its OK for her mom to “get a little cranky at times” but confirms she is definitely “the best mom in the world”.

Daughter of the Year Award

Mona Gill



“Strong, compassionate, and inspirational” are words many people use when talking about Namrata (or Mona) Gill. After growing up in India, she came to Edmonton in 1991. A few years later she left an abusive marriage with her daughter for a women’s shelter, determined to make a good life for both of them. Three years later she became the first Sikh female police officer. She has courageously shared

her experiences in a National Film Board documentary. Today she leads support groups at WIN house and Multicultural Women and Seniors Services Association, and mentors women leaving abuse. She speaks on honour based crime and similar topics at conferences, including, recently, as keynote speaker at the women’s symposium ‘Building Leadership and Community’. She makes time to host a Punjabi radio show about rights and laws. And the little daughter from her early difficult time is now grown up and living in Mumbai, spreading her wings and fulfilling her dreams. “Being a firm believer against abuse of women, Mona puts herself out there in the community and tackles these situations, filling all hearts with hope and optimism,” says Sofia Yaqub, who has worked with her several years.

Daughter of the Year Award

April Lam



April Oi-Bo Lam is a gifted young athlete. She excels in swimming, horseback riding, alpine skiing, and softball. At only nineteen this determined athlete has bagged several prestigious accolades and will be representing Alberta at the 2013 Canada Summer Games and 2014 National Special Olympics in swimming. In a short time, April has established herself as the top female athlete in the province and a serious contender at the national level. She has been named as Global TV's

Athlete of the Week and awarded the Most Valued Player in the Yellow Division for her achievements. She won two Silver and four Gold medals in the Special Olympics Provincial Games in spring 2013. A great teammate and a motivating peer, April swims out of love for sport and not for external accolades. Her careful observation, hard work, perseverance, and dedication have contributed in improving the standards of training environments for young players. April grew up in St Albert and, when not in sports, April loves to spend time with her little niece and her ninety-seven-year-old grandfather.

Daughter of the Year Award

Shawnay McRorie



Shawnay McRorie is an incredibly dynamic young woman who embraces and lives the culture of human rights. Her commitment to volunteering, supporting those marginalized in the community, has earned her accolades. She was awarded the youth Human Rights Award by John Humphrey Centre last year. She has a significant commitment to work with young children and adults who live with disabilities.

She has used her own dance background to do this in both iDance and Ballerina Dreams for example. At her school Shawnay has spearheaded inclusion initiatives and spends time to support peers with challenges. She takes part in conventions, school board meetings, and schools talking about inclusion and pushing boundaries. To friends and family, Shawnay is a natural leader who “walks the talk every day” and is changing the landscape in our understanding of the practice of honouring human rights throughout the community.

Daughter of the Year Award

Dr. Christina Nsaliwa



An Edmonton daughter of moral substance, as friends would describe her, Dr. Christina Nsaliwa (or Chris) “is a longstanding member of Edmonton’s diverse communities, a strong advocate of human services, and an inspirational mentor for women,” says colleague

Jenika Watson. Born the eldest daughter in a family of nine in Malawi, Chris moved to Edmonton in 1992. She earned a PhD in Educational Administration from the University of Alberta and worked as a sessional instructor. In 2000, she joined Edmonton Immigrant Services Association when the organization was seeking a new lease of life. Thanks to her passion for community service, boundless energy, and unflagging optimism, she rebuilt the organization, which today has a budget of \$1.81 million and 32 staff delivering settlement services to new immigrants. Christina places strong emphasis on respect for the opinions of others, Canadian heritage and equality as defined by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Her expertise in cross-cultural communication, anti-racism, and prevention of family violence has earned her respect and trust in every part of the city.

Daughter of the Year Award

Andrea Payne & Corissa Tymafichuk



Corissa Tymafichuk and Andrea Payne are Grade 10 students from Paul Kane High School, St Albert, set on a lifetime mission to help survivors of human trafficking regain their freedom and rights and be able to live with dignity. The duo has been working actively as a team for two years to raise

awareness about complex social justice concerns in their school and neighborhood. In May, 2013, their enthusiasm and leadership skills managed to turn a small school project into a huge citywide community walk, Free2Walk, attended by thousands, to stop human trafficking. The girls managed to raise \$5000 – five times more their target for the cause. Corissa and Andrea demonstrate that age is no boundary in making positive change in our society. These “backyard abolitionists” are full of passion for music and are actively engaged in local theatre. As leaders of the Tuxis Parliament of Alberta, a provincial model youth parliament, they are exemplary models for other youth about the importance of involvement with democratic institutions.

Daughter of the Year Award

Laura Smith



Inspiration personified, Laura Smith has been a source of motivation and courage for over 600 students, unemployed or underemployed due of their low levels of English proficiency. “She inspires us with her passion for education. She constantly renews herself as a professional on her quest to provide us with the highest quality of education possible,” says student Victoria Dela

Pena, who had a proud moment at an interview recently where she received a compliment for her English proficiency. Laura, a mother of two sons, earned a Bachelor’s degree in Education from University of Alberta and began her career with Edmonton Public Schools. In 1986, she joined Catholic Social Services as English as a Second Language instructor in the CORE Skills Health Care Aide Program. This program helps immigrants facing barriers in accessing education and employment. This is where Laura’s ability to recognize each student’s individual life story, past experiences and personal struggles that may affect their learning, makes her special for her students. She touches their lives with an emotional edge and helps them believe in their own capabilities.

Daughter of the Year Award

April Wiberg



The cause of missing Aboriginal women could not have found a more committed visionary activist than April Eve Wiberg. She is a founder of Edmonton's Stolen Sisters Awareness Walk, created in 2007 to raise national awareness about the disproportionate number of missing and murdered Métis, Inuit, Non Status and First

Nations women in Canada. Often fallen out of sight, this grassroots movement helps put pressure on the government and its agencies (like the RCMP) to continue to investigate these crimes and bring the perpetrators to justice. The Walk is held in conjunction with the Sisters in Spirit annual event in Edmonton. "I value Ms. Wiberg as a rare gem of professionalism, compassion, dedication and commitment to humankind, including her tremendous work with and for the Stolen Sisters Awareness Movement," says Dale Monaghan who has known her as a friend for almost a decade now. A proud member of the Mikisew Cree First Nation, April lives in Edmonton with her young daughter, working for the corporate arm of her First Nation. She is involved in her community and supports other social movements such as the national Sisters in Spirit Vigil.

Daughter of the Year Award

Linda Winski



Linda Winski's family life, work, and commitment to social justice are the foundational pieces of her impartial love for others. She is strongly supportive to all in need. "Race, education, religion, social status, and gender played no part in Linda's evaluation of people. I learned from her that the way you respond to people is usually the way they in turn will respond to you,"

recalls Anne Marie Venne, who worked with Linda for over 10 years at the Roman Catholic Social Justice Commission. In the 1970s, Linda opened her home to the community, providing friendship, hospitality, prayer and a listening ear at 'The Dwelling Place' in Edmonton. She then went on to work with Edmonton's urban core communities. In 2005, Linda joined the team at Inner City Pastoral Ministry. Here she made a special contribution with women, at shelters, street corners, and weekly gatherings for Sunday worship and brunch at Bissell Centre. Linda has remained deeply committed to her family as well, raising her son as a single parent, having her dependent adult foster-sister live with her, and staying in daily contact with her mother in a long-term care facility.

In addition to those recognized as Daughters of the Year, other remarkable Daughters were considered by the jury, which had to make difficult selections. They were impressed by these honourable mention nominees too:

Anjana Babbar, an intense performer, a passionate teacher, and a compassionate human being living intentionally for excellence.

Laurie Blakeman, the longest-serving Opposition MLA (Edmonton-Centre) in Alberta history, a tireless proponent of equal rights, respectfully addressing all citizens equally.

Yvonne Chiu, Co-executive Director of Multi Cultural Health Brokers Co-op, promoting a deeper awareness, among health professionals and service providers of the cultural & social context of immigrant & refugee health.

Nancy Hannemann, Director of Global Education at University of Alberta International, engaging people in dialogue on global issues, advancing understanding of rights and responsibilities in a global community, and inspiring the next generation of leaders to tackle critical issues facing the globe.

Paula Kirman, a multi-talented activist in the areas of community/independent media and social justice, using her skills as writer, editor, photographer, videographer, and singer/songwriter to try to effect positive social change.

Nancy Mereska, working tirelessly for ten years advocating for women and children caught in the web of polygamy in Canada.

Zohreh Saher a dedicated volunteer, who displays dynamic leadership in all she has undertaken, including serving as president of interVivos.

Kulver Toor who started her own successful business, Keratic Beauty Spa.

Aura Vasquez, proudly bringing her life-long passion for her dual cultural heritage and traditions, sharing ethnic dances at community functions.

Sue Wu, a mother who commits herself in an extraordinary way to the education and development of her 10 year old daughter.

Appreciation is due to each person who made the effort to nominate someone as a Daughter of the Year.

Daughters of the Year receive the gift of a hand-made doll. They are created by women who are part of the diverse activities of the Multicultural Women and Seniors Services Association. Each doll takes three to four hours to make. MWSSA provides training and entrepreneurial potential for women and seniors. The sale of handicrafts generates income for under-employed people. These environmentally friendly dolls are available in all shapes and colors. Prices start at \$20. (329 Woodvale Road W; Phone: 780-465-2992; culture@mwssa.org)

Daughters Day

“Celebrating the lives, contributions, and achievements of all daughters”

What do we do?

Daughters Day provides times to celebrate the lives, contributions, and achievements of all daughters in society and undertakes projects to see their lives free of all discrimination and limitations.

Who are we?

Daughters Day is a group of volunteer individuals and community organizations.

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 hosting an annual community celebration of Daughters Day (September 1), with a focus on honoring daughters of distinction.
- 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.

Daughters Day Organizers

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Charan Khehra, Chair
Gurcharan Singh Bhatia
Mita Das
Satya Das

Daughters of the Year jury

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Singer/songwriter

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Sierra Jamerson has been surrounded by music since birth. At the age of 11 she was singing Traditional Black Gospel, and writing original music influenced by the political activism of her father's people, the Tahltan First Nation. She interprets Jazz, Soul and R&B with a desire to use music as a weapon against oppression. Sierra graduated from MacEwan University, majoring in Contemporary and Jazz Vocal Performance. One of her proudest achievements occurred in 2004, where she sang for Queen Elizabeth. Sierra has been described as "[having] powerful vocals with hip-hop grooves," a "true performer; a bright up and coming artist" and a "fresh sound in Canadian music".

Darla Daniels has been called "Princess of the Métis fiddle" by Calvin Vollrath. Armed with her fiddle and fiery stage presence, at 21 years of age, she performs to capture listeners' hearts. She began playing traditional Métis fiddle professionally at the age of 12. Today, Darla breezes through genres such as Folk, Rock, Celtic, Bluegrass, Country, and Blues. Darla graduated from Grant MacEwan University, majoring in Jazz and Contemporary Violin Performance. Upon graduation, Darla joined Vancouver based Celtic-Rock band The Town Pants as their fiddling, singing front woman, touring the US for several months. Darla aspires to make an impact on both the fiddle world and Canadian music. Her awards include Aboriginal Youth Female Role Model Award and Young Woman of Vision Award from Grant MacEwan University.



Rosa Romero is a social worker whose assignments have seen her working with seniors, children and families. Working now with Familia Association Alberta in a pilot project focusing on providing support and referral to Latino American communities combines her commitment to families dealing with domestic violence and other adversities in their personal life, and her long involvement with Latino American communities and the issues many of them face beginning lives in a new country. Her own experiences as an immigrant support her in this.



Daughters Day 2012



The inaugural celebration of Daughters Day was on September 1, 2012, with over 350 people coming together in Churchill Square for the program. In the top photo, City Councilor Amarjeet Sohi, Edmonton-Glenora MLA Honourable Heather Klimchuk, Edmonton-Centre MP Laurie Hawn, Dr. Jodi Abbot, Dure Atiq, Gurcharan Bhatia, and Daughters of the Year Renee Vaugeois, Karina Pillay-Kinnee, Rumana Monzur, and Faye Dewar are shown. In the lower photo, event volunteer Sabrina Atwal and Daughters Day co-founder Didar Pannu are shown with Premier Alison Redford and her daughter Sarah. Photos and videos from the 2012 program can be found at www.daughters-day.com, along with much other information about the whole Daughters Day project.



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***Message from the
Honourable Dave Hancock, QC
Minister of Human Services and
MLA, Edmonton Whitemud***

Congratulations to the Daughter's Day committee on this second annual celebration of young women. Together, the work of government and the work of concerned citizens like you will lead to the fundamental change we all want to see - a province where every girl has the opportunities and encouragement she needs to succeed and reach her full potential.


Dave Hancock, QC



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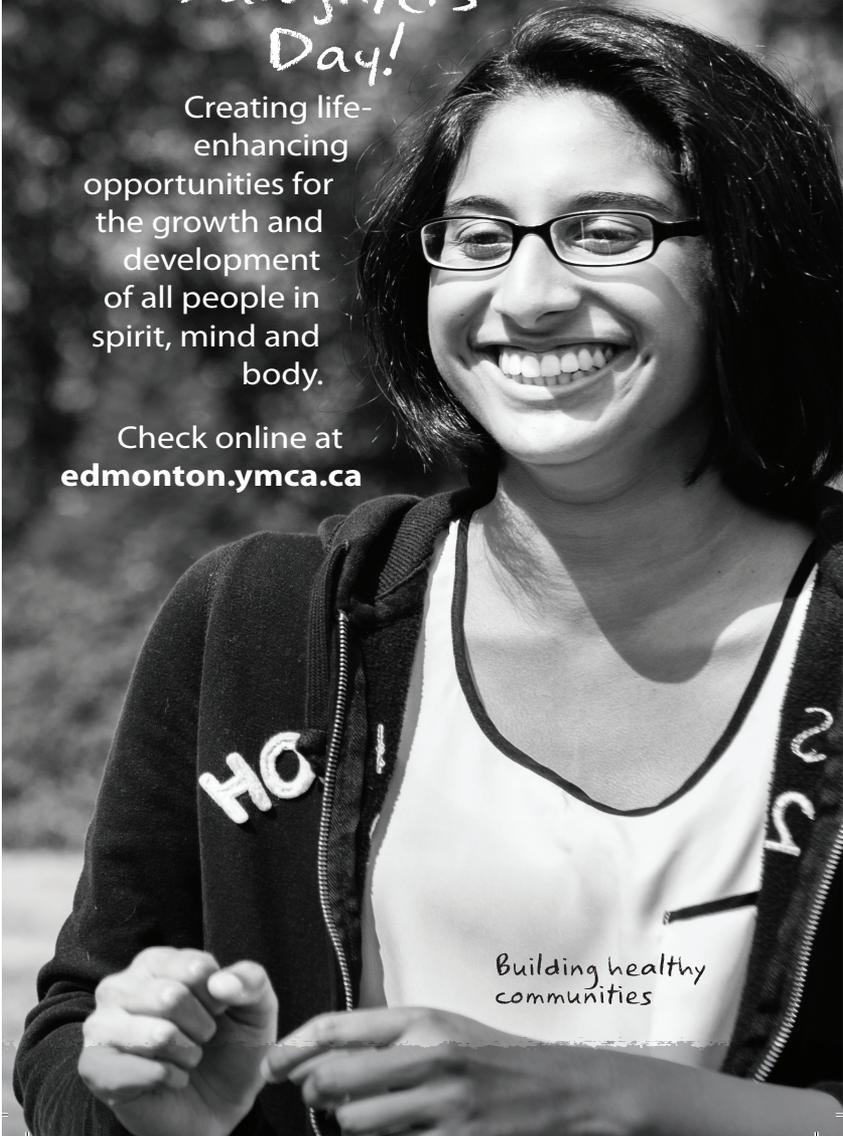




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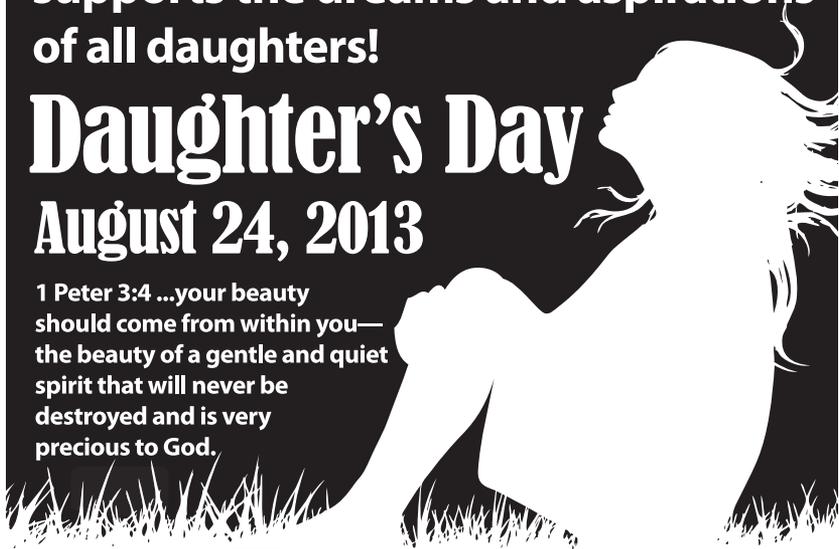
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Daughter's Day

August 24, 2013

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Message from Honourable Gene Zwozdesky
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta



On behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta I am pleased to extend greetings to all the participants, partners and volunteers for this year's Daughters Day event.

Women are capable of building strong and healthy communities while inspiring us all to do the same.

We must focus our efforts on continuing to nurture the potential of all our daughters; they are our future women and our future leaders. When educated and empowered, our daughters can accomplish wondrous things.

Good luck with Daughters Day 2013!

Sincerely,

*Honourable Gene Zwozdesky
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta*



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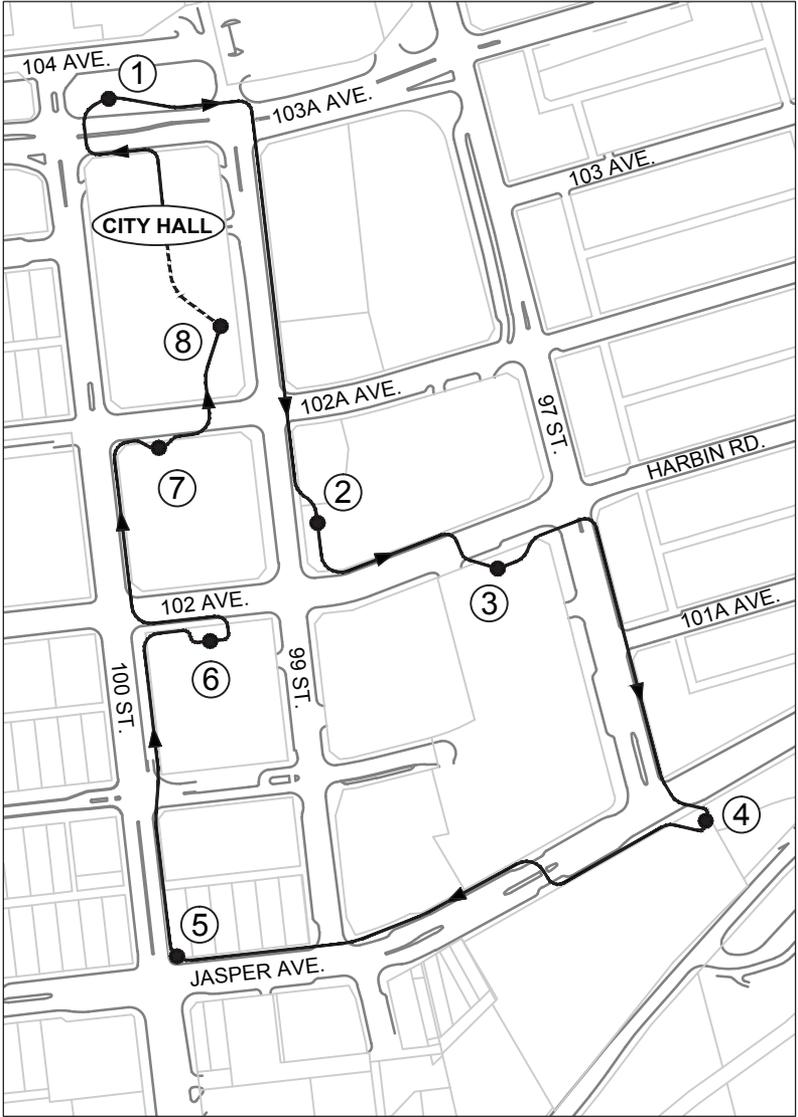
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2013 Daughters Day Route Map



Total Route - 2.0 km

Commitment Walk

The Daughters Day commitment walk is a time for you, alone or with others, to move around the streets of Edmonton and take some time to think and talk about aspects of the lives of our daughters, to notice the achievements and the areas where attention is still needed. Most importantly, it is a time to renew a personal commitment to be part of the work to ensure the future is better for every daughter.

You are welcome to visit as many of the stations on the walk as you wish. The map suggests a route but you can go to the locations in any order you prefer. The notes that follow provide a few bits of information to start your thinking, as well as some direction to find more information about each topic. If you do not go to all the stations, you may like to return another day to visit some of them-- or to think of other locations that also speak to these issues in your own community.

At each location a volunteer will put a sticker to show you have visited that location. If you have any questions about the walk, just ask one of the volunteers. When you return to City Hall for the program at 2 PM come to the registration table for a gift to help you remember the commitment you have made.

1. Homeless Memorial

Women often have a special identity with being home-keepers. But in Canada in recent years this task has become more difficult and dangerous, as it has become more difficult to have a house where people can then create a home, because of high costs. In Edmonton and other cities hundreds of women and children are homeless or in precarious housing. This affects ability to eat well, makes schooling for children chaotic, even leads to families being broken up. Poverty is especially high for single-parent women. There is no family emergency shelter in the city and the shelters for those escaping domestic violence are over-full. Many tiles on this sculpture were created by homeless women to express their experiences. Recent news has featured communities opposed to affordable housing being developed. How can all of us ensure adequate housing is available so every woman can create a safe healthy home for herself and her family?

More information:

http://www.equalityrights.org/when/newPDFs/FactSheet_1.pdf
www.ecohh.ca

2. Winspear Centre

Winspear Centre is a place where creativity finds expression while bringing art and culture alive. Nearby are other centres of creativity too-- Citadel Theatre and the Art Gallery of Alberta. History is witness to Canadians' appreciation for artistic creativity, but many would have trouble naming many women of great achievement beyond perhaps Emily Carr, Margaret Laurence, and Anne Murray. The journey has never been smooth for most women artists, and even today most struggle hard to earn recognition and break into a male-dominated world. Familial obligations and gender bias compound the challenge of the arts as a career option. Today, however, more

women are doing well in the cultural arts.

Ponder Over:

- What measures can we take that would support women to achieve more success in the world of arts, culture, and literature?
- Do women artists in First Nations and newcomer communities have access to resources to pursue careers in culture?
- Can you find the names of women in Alberta who are making a mark in areas of culture? Have you sampled their creative works?

More information:

Library and Archives Canada, Archived – Celebrating Women’s Achievements

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/women/030001-1150-e.html>

Teacher’s Guide for School Programs, Vancouver Art Gallery

<http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/pdfs/Canadian%20Women%20Modernists%20Study%20Guide.pdf>

3. Women in elected office

Sporting a distinctive pink color, **Canada Place** is a stepped building with many federal government offices. Recently, there has been a step forward in politics, with six provinces/territories now led by female premiers. Promising as it may appear, in overall numbers politics remains male dominated. Edmonton has had only a single woman as mayor in its 109 years as a city. Let’s raise a clarion call: Women belong in politics. How does the representation of women in elected office in Canada compare with other countries? What could individuals do locally to improve the gender balance in federal politics? Will you consider gender as an issue when you are making decisions for the municipal election this year?

Not far from **Canada Place**, along the river, we find Louise McKinney Park. It celebrates the strong foundation laid by the Famous Five, that made Canada a more inclusive democracy by recognizing women as ‘Persons’. Louise McKinney was one of five Alberta women who initiated the Persons’ Case that earned Canadian women suffragist rights and made them eligible to run for public office in the early twentieth century. Today, women have equal voting rights, but under-representation of women in office across Canada stands as a grim reminder of work yet to be accomplished. In other parts of Edmonton you can find parks dedicated to other women who were part of the Famous Five. Do our children learn enough about the Famous Five and the Person’s Case in school? Despite women’s legal rights, is Canadian democracy genuinely all-inclusive and participatory for women?

Solve the puzzle:

Men in Canada: 49.6%

Men in the House of Commons: 76%

Women in Canada: 50.4%

Women in the House of Commons: ??

More information:

Campbell, Kim, “Canadian politics needs a commitment to gender parity”, *Globe and Mail*, January 29, 2013 (www.theglobeandmail.com/commentary/canadian-politics-needs-a-commitment-to-gender-parity/article7924473/)

Status of Women Canada, Women – Federal Political Representation <http://www.parl.gc.ca/ParlInfo/compilations/parliament/WomenRepresentation.aspx?Language=E&Parliament=1924d334-6bd0-4cb3-8793-ccc640025ff6>

www.onewomanonevote.org (YWCA initiative)

http://www.ncwc.ca/aboutUs_five.html

<http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/dates/gg/case-affaire-eng.html>

<http://www.famous5.ca/>

<http://www.albertacentennial.ca/news/viewpost.aspx-id=364.html>

4. Indigenous women

Like this Inuksuk overlooking the river valley, indigenous women have played a navigational and inspirational role in their communities in deep and essential ways. Aboriginal women had responsibilities for running the home, caring for children, gathering and preparing food, as well as in substantial positions of social and spiritual leadership. Today, often women are single parenting at a young age risking her education and social - physical well being, the on-going consequence of residential schools and other assimilationist actions. Her dreams and ambitions are pushed to the margin to meet financial and social needs of the family. In Edmonton every two out of five aboriginal people live below the poverty line. And indigenous women are the subjects of violence far more often than other women. Yet in the midst of this difficult situation, the leadership of women in the Idle No More movement and the annual Esquao Awards of the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women provide evidence of women turning things around. Edmonton will be the first location of the Walking with our Sisters exhibit of mocassin vamps this fall, to honour the lives of over 600 disappeared aboriginal girls and women across Canada.

More information:

Aboriginal Edmonton: A statistical Story – 2009

www.idlenomore.ca

www.iaaw.ca

www.walkingwithoursisters.ca

5. World Trade Centre

This historic building is home to Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, formed in 1889. It took 107 years before the first woman was elected president in 1996. Why did it take so long – are women lacking in leadership and entrepreneurship skills? Are women better at home as the caregiver of the family? Today 47 percent of small and medium sized businesses in Canada are run by women; nearly a million Canadian women were self-employed in 2011. Between 2001 and 2011 their number increased by 23 percent, while the number of men grew by only 14 percent. So why do so few “make it to the top”? Is it gender barriers or lack of a broad public strategy? Who are some of the Edmonton women who have achieved senior leadership positions in business?

More information:

<http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/eng/businesswomen/home.jsp> http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2012/10/02/women-entrepreneurs-canada_n_1932636.html

6. Milner Library

The public library is a great place to find all sorts of information about women, in many media, fiction and fact, as recent as today, or from the ancient classics. At a special display for Daughters Day a small glimpse into the vast offerings of Edmonton's public libraries is offered. And at the EPL display at City Hall you can receive a FREE one-year library membership so you can begin to use all this valuable information.

7. Where are women in the trades?

At this bench we see a working *man* relaxing at lunch. The gender discrepancy in trades, and the transportation and construction industry is high. Only six percent of workers in these generally high-paying sectors are women. What is keeping women away from these trades? Do trade work sites need to be more non-discriminatory in wages and behavior to encourage more women's participation? In the 1990s women earned 72.5 cents compared to a dollar for male colleagues. In 2008 it had increased to 83.05 cents on the dollar, but far too many of the lowest paying jobs are still filled by women.

More information:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/start-debut-eng.html>

<http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/index-eng.html>

www.womenbuildingfutures.com

8. A proud history

This sculpture honours the pioneer women of Alberta who worked hard in every area to develop agriculture and industry in Alberta from the time settlers began to arrive here. Many local histories published by communities all over Alberta have colourful memoirs of pioneer women in the early years of the province. The sculpture is also a reminder that not only in Alberta, but around the world, women work hard, and yet too often have been denied even basic rights to hold property or enter into legal agreements. Often fundamental issues related to their health and life choices have been made by men. Who are some of the women in your family who have remarkable stories of achievement? Are you capturing their information and experiences?

More information:

Grant MacEwan; Mighty Women, Vancouver: Greystone Books, 1995

Visit Royal Alberta Museum (information at www.royalalbertamuseum.ca)

Each person who has at least one of the locations from the Commitment Walk stamped in their booklet is invited to come to the registration table and get a Commitment Bracelet. Please wear the bracelet and when people ask about it, use the opportunity to tell them about your commitment to ensure full participation for every daughter, locally and globally, and invite them to join you. The bracelets are hand-crafted out of straw and glass beads by women's co-ops in Brazil and China. Marketed commercially as Wish Bracelets they are available for purchase at most tourist attractions in Edmonton or at www.WishBracelets.com. Leah Henderson began the foundation that brings them to Canada and proceeds are used to support development projects for women.

Honouring women, ending gender discrimination

Daughters Day is a celebration of the importance of every daughter in the lives of families and communities and nations. But it is also rooted in the recognition that far too many daughters experience limitations, discrimination, abuse, and even death, for no reason except that they are a daughter. This may be seen in a distant part of the world or on the streets in our own communities. Sometimes it is organized and deliberate, other times it is not even noticed, picked up and learned informally from deeply-ingrained attitudes of others.

Thanks to the funding support of the Alberta Human Rights Education and Multiculturalism Fund, Daughters Day will be hosting 12 gatherings of women over the weeks ahead, in Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, and Slave Lake, to listen to their experiences and gather their good ideas about how we can work together in creating strong homes, schools, and neighbourhoods where there is a shared determination to ensure every daughter can pursue her dreams and ambitions fairly and safely and participate fully in every aspect of life, making free choices and supported to achieve them.

More information about these events will be available at the Daughters Day website and Facebook site. There are volunteer needs for them, so interested people are invited to get in touch if women's social, economic and political equality is important to you.

The content of the consultations will be used to produce a practical handbook that can be used by groups wanting to do more work on these issues. Plans are for the book to be published in the spring of 2014.



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Established 28 years ago, ICWA works through settlement assistance, skill building community activities, and adult education to ensure immigrants are able to feel at home in Canada. Our approach to preventing violence against women is by raising the status of women through dialogue and community mobilization. An attitude shift about the way women are portrayed and treated is essential and we believe small shifts in attitudes about women can create a large overall impact and raise the status of women in our communities. That is why we are proud to say, ICWA has been changing attitudes since 1984!

Daughters Day Song

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Stories of survival
Emerging from the darkness of fear
Begin with our arrival
A lifetime on a road led by tears

And there's lots of joy and lots of pain
Sunshine and wind and rain
Blood flowing through our veins
With the strength and the wisdom of years

Obstacles surmounting
Overcoming them one by one
Towards freedom we are counting
And changes have already begun

When we're writing our own history
Breaking through the mystery
Standing up for all to see
The battles that we've won

So here we stand before you
Daughters of all ages today
Proclaiming something so true
We're ready and willing to say

Stand for love and not for hate
Our rights are not for debate
Join with us – it's not too late
For we will not go away

And there's so much we can celebrate
Here on Daughters Day



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