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Awards

The Alberta Community Justice Awards recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations promoting community justice in the province.

The awards are in the categories of Community Mobilization, Partnerships and Collaboration, Innovation, and Leadership.

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General is co-hosting the ceremony with the Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service.

2020 Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Community Justice Awards Recipients



Leadership
Ritesh Dalip Narayan



Leadership
Debbi Gallant



Partnership and Collaboration
Constable Roxanne Noss



Service Enhancement
Corporal Echelle Malone

B.A.R.C.C.
Barrhead & Area Regional Crime Coalition

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Community Mobilization
Barrhead & Area Regional Crime Coalition



Service Enhancement
Safe Design Council



Partnership and Collaboration
RESET Society of Calgary



2021 Community Justice Award recipients

■ Community Mobilization

- * Northern Sunrise Rural Crime Watch Association
- * Constable Paban Dhaliwal

■ Innovation

- * Calgary Youth Justice Society
- * Deborah Reid and Victim Service Trauma Dog, Jake

■ Leadership

- * Domestic Violence Family Law Program
- * Jean Claude Munyezamu

■ Partnerships and Collaboration

- * Africa Centre
- * Constable Tracey Ford



Program

■ Opening Performance

The Road to the Isles
Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drum Band

■ Prayer

Elder Alex Crowchild

■ Welcome

Inspector Quinn Jacques
Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service
Master of Ceremonies

■ National Anthem

Koro Filipino

■ Introduction of Co-host

Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service

■ Keynote Address

Keith Blake
Chief of Police
Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service



Program continued...

■ Awards Presentations & Citations

Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister, Justice and Solicitor General

■ Honour Song

Graham Rowan
Tyson Heavenfire
Desi Rider

■ Closing Address

Honourable Kaycee Madu
Minister, Justice and Solicitor General

■ Finale

Drummers Call & March Past
Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums Band

Message from Honourable Kaycee Madu, QC



Minister of Justice and Solicitor General



Kaycee Madu Minister of Justice and
Solicitor General

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, thank you for attending the thirtieth annual Alberta Community Justice Awards. Despite the unique challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's award winners have continued to make extraordinary improvements in their communities.

The Alberta Community Justice Awards recognize and celebrate outstanding individuals and organizations who have strengthened their communities and improved the lives of their fellow Albertans through innovative, collaborative and proactive approaches to crime prevention.

Each of this year's award recipients have enhanced their community in one way or another. From supporting survivors of family and domestic violence to guiding vulnerable youth away from gang life, you have set an incredible example for your fellow Albertans.

Alberta's government is truly grateful for the important work you have done to keep your friends, family and neighbours safe. Through community mobilization, innovation and leadership, you have inspired countless others to strive for safer, more secure communities in every corner of the province.

It is my honour to present this year's awards and I offer my sincere congratulations to each and every one of you. Your proactive efforts to enhance community safety and prevent crime are truly invaluable.

I would also like to acknowledge the frontline service providers, non-profit organizations, volunteers and law enforcement agencies who improve Alberta communities each and every day. It is this diverse experience and knowledge that makes it possible for us to achieve our goal of strong and secure communities.

Improving community safety requires all of us to work together toward a common goal. Thank you for supporting your communities through crime prevention and community justice initiatives and encouraging others to do the same. Together, we can achieve an even better Alberta to work, live and raise our families.

Kaycee Madu, QC

Minister of Justice and Solicitor General

Message from Chief Keith Blake

Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service



Chief Keith Blake
Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service

Dzinisi Guja (Good Day),

The Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service is proud to be the co-host of the 2021 Alberta Community Justice Awards.

The Alberta Community Justice Awards recognizes individuals and organizations throughout Alberta, that have made significant contributions to the prevention of crime and bettering the lives of Albertans in our communities.

In partnership with Alberta Justice and Solicitor General and on behalf of the Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service, I would like to express my gratitude to all of this year's Alberta Community Justice Award recipients. This small gesture of recognition pales

in comparison to the time and energy our award recipients have invested to find new and promising ways to keep Alberta safe.

Thank you for your important work. I know that each of you have truly made a difference in communities across the province, both in rural areas and urban centres alike.

I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of our many partners in public safety: our partners in non-profit organizations, service providers, and volunteers. Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service relies on this rich diversity of experience and knowledge to advance our shared goals of strong and resilient communities.

This goal can only be accomplished when all of us work together. This level of collaboration, rooted in trust, opens up opportunities to identify trends and vulnerabilities in our communities we may not have seen before and helps us find ways to improve the way we serve Albertans.

Through example and leadership, our award recipients and our partners in policing and crime prevention have encouraged and empowered others to continue to build relationships in service of a single vision – an Alberta where our families can feel safe in every corner of this province.

On behalf of all police organizations in Alberta in partnership with the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, I want to express our sincerest gratitude and congratulations on this year's recipients and nominees.

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Chief of Police Keith Blake
Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service

2021 Community Justice Awards

Master of Ceremony



Insp. Quinn Jacques is a proud Metis, who joined the Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service in 2016. Prior to joining the Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service, Quinn served more than 25 years with the Calgary Police Service – retiring as the Staff Sergeant in charge of the Guns and Gangs Unit. This unit is instrumental in combating gang activity in Calgary

Quinn's work experience includes assignments in the Criminal Intelligence Unit, the Drug Unit, the Integrated Response to Organized Crime Unit, the Gang Suppression Team and the Strike Force Unit. Quinn has spent the majority of his career either investigating, or managing gang, drug or organized crime offenses

2021 Community Justice Awards

Northern Sunrise Rural Crime Watch Association

Community Mobilization Category



The Northern Sunrise Rural Crime Watch Association (NSRCWA) has grown exponentially in recent years due to the commitment of the Chairperson and other board members. The chair and vice chair have dedicated countless hours to sending out alerts, sharing crime prevention information and promoting crime reduction and community wellness in the Peace River Region. By building trust with surrounding communities, the organization has grown from 40 members to over 800 in recent years. These members act as the eyes and ears of the RCMP within the community and work together to change the narrative of why people should report crime, as well as teach people how to report it.

The NSRCWA has delivered presentations about Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), supported Lock it or Lose it campaigns and promoted the use of specialized screws to prevent license plate theft. The organization has been involved with Fraud Prevention Month by sharing information about how to prevent fraud. The organization has also helped increase reporting of suspicious activities and is currently building a community safety and wellness plan with local organizations. The group recently started submitting Community Impact Statements for repeat offenders to be read in court on behalf of communities affected by crime. Similar to Victim Impact Statements, these statements are a voluntary way for residents and communities who have been traumatized by a crime to have a voice without adding further emotional stress of having to appear in court before the accused.



Property Crime Prevention Campaign

2021 Community Justice Awards

Constable Paban Dhaliwal

Community Mobilization Category



Patrol Constable Paban Dhaliwal

Constable Dhaliwal has been a police officer with the Calgary Police Service (CPS) since 2003. After volunteering for several internal initiatives within CPS and partner agencies, in 2006 he began spearheading his own initiatives focused on mobilizing the community to build stronger ties, supporting youth and preventing drug, violence and gang activity. These initiatives include Bhangra Program at Terry Fox Junior High School, the Wrestling Program at Lester B. Pearson High School, the Village Square Community Clean-up, bridging the Calgary Afghanistan Community to support Special Olympics Afghanistan, various gang

prevention programs and more. Constable Dhaliwal has worked in several different areas, including patrol, community liaison, youth offender management, school resource, diversity resource and recruiting.

Above and beyond the initiatives he has spearheaded and his regular work as a constable, Paban Dhaliwal has actively volunteered for countless CPS projects, initiatives and committees. Over the years, Constable Dhaliwal's out of the box thinking and innovative approach has given communities a sense of ownership and belonging. His ability to have difficult and meaningful conversations around contentious subjects has helped keep youth away from gangs, drugs and violence. Constable Dhaliwal has dedicated his life and career to community justice work and he continues to influence others to be the leaders of tomorrow.

2021 Community Justice Awards

Calgary Youth Justice Committee

Innovation Category



CALGARY YOUTH JUSTICE SOCIETY

Over the past 25 years, Calgary Youth Justice Society has recruited, trained and supported countless Youth Justice Committee (YJC) volunteers and impacted the lives of over 12,000 youth. The Extrajudicial Sanctions (EJS) Program, through the Calgary Youth Attendance Centre, relies on YJC volunteers to work with referred youth, providing appropriate sanctions that help them learn from their actions and change their behaviour to prevent further involvement with the justice system. With this support, young people can turn their mistakes into opportunities to grow and give back to their communities. Two other CYJS programs, In the Lead and In the Lead 180, help prevent and redirect risk-taking behaviour in vulnerable youth.

In 2020, CYJS joined a strategic partnership with the Calgary Police Service. The organization engages with law enforcement to educate their frontline staff with the goal of diverting youth from the criminal justice system. This partnership has resulted in a significant increase in diverted youth, as well as opportunities for restorative justice. New initiatives include a YJC coordination project to build community awareness and provide new resources and training for YJC volunteers. In addition, In the Lead 180 is reaching more justice involved youth, including young women remanded in custody.

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Deborah Reid and Trauma Dog, Jake

Innovation Category



Deborah Reid and her service dog Jake, a five-year-old Labrador retriever, have been working with victims of crime in Airdrie and surrounding areas since November 2019. Deborah and the team at Airdrie and District Victims Assistance Society use Jake, a specialized court trauma dog, to comfort and support children, youth and adults during police interviews and court statements. The duo can also be present for meetings with Crown prosecutors, where victims prepare to testify in court. Crown prosecutors can also apply to have Jake support victims while they are testifying on the witness stand.



While Jake primarily works regular business hours, he and Deborah are available 24/7 to support Airdrie residents. Deborah and Jake are ambassadors for victim services and the important work they do. Together, they support victims of crime by helping them navigate the court system, probation processes and urgent care and hospital visits. Handlers and service dogs add a unique dimension to supporting vulnerable community members; they ensure victims and their families have the support and security they need to heal. Since November 2019, Deborah and Jake have worked on 47 court files and have directly supported 89 victims of crime.

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Domestic Violence Family Law Program

Leadership Category



Guiding vulnerable Albertans through the legal system

Since 1995, Calgary Legal Guidance has played an integral role in addressing a gap in the legal system with respect to family violence and domestic abuse. In partnership with the community, the Domestic Violence Family Program within Calgary Legal Guidance has been a leader in providing free legal advice, emotional support and safety planning for hundreds of individuals in the community each year. The one-of-a-kind program in Alberta serves an average of 600 survivors each year, almost all of whom have children in their care.

In recent years, the Domestic Violence Family Law Program has initiated partnerships with many external organizations to provide wrap around services to victims. One recent partnership with a law firm aims to help victims who have suffered serious physical injuries or loss due to family/intimate partner violence with free, ongoing legal representation to collect damages civilly. Program staff have lead Calgary Legal Guidance and more than 300 volunteers to make a foundational shift toward more trauma informed legal services, helping alleviate some of the stress people experience when leaving abusive relationships. In the past five years, the Domestic Violence Family Law Program has helped more than 3,000 victims of crime access free legal and social supports.

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Jean Claude Munyezamu

Leadership Category



Jean Claude Munyezamu

After escaping the Rwandan genocide in 1994, Jean-Claude, also known as JC, Munyezamu relocated to Calgary where he founded Soccer Without Boundaries after noticing marginalized youth getting in trouble in his neighbourhood.

Founded in 2010, the organization began as an informal soccer club that provided a space for communities with newcomers to connect around a shared passion. Now serving as the Executive Director, Jean Claude has evolved the organization into the Umoja Community Mosaic to offer a wider range of programs, including culturally appropriate food assistance, tutoring with language supports, after-school programs,

youth leadership development, and women and girls' programs. The organization develops programs in response to emerging needs within the community, allowing initiatives to align with natural community support mechanisms.

Umoja Community Mosaic helps refugee, immigrant, and low-income families from over 49 different countries get involved in the community. At-risk youth are welcomed and given a sense of belonging through activities with other youth.

The organization has seen high school graduation rates of program participants increase to 100 per cent with 14 out of 18 recent high school graduates in starting university in 2021. Umoja Community Mosaic has engaged over a thousand at-risk youth in the city, and has significantly increased safety within high-crime and low-income housing complexes.

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Africa Centre



The Council of Advancement of African Canadians in Alberta has been operating as the Africa Centre since 2006. By supporting Black youth at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system, the centre has been a leader in community safety and justice. These youth have vulnerabilities, such as being disconnected from their home culture and serving time in jail, or they are at the periphery of engaging in the criminal justice system.

Africa Centre's sustainable crime prevention strategies focus on recreation, connection to culture, employability life skills, and leadership development. Through various community, sports, and employment skill initiatives, the Africa Centre employs innovative approaches to supporting Black youth. These crime prevention strategies have resulted in youth successfully gaining employment and staying away from criminal involvement.

Africa Centre also receives referrals to the African Canadian Civic Engagement Council's community rehabilitation program for Black Youth in diversion or community reintegration processes; this collaboration strengthens youth's protective factors and employs cultural strategies based on healing and rehabilitation. Africa Centre has facilitated employment, leadership, and essential supports (food, clothing, etc.) for the youth they serve.

The innovative initiatives by the Centre have resulted in significant, culturally-focused improvements in participants' resilience and protective factors, keeping them and their community safe.

2021 Community Justice Awards

Constable Tracey Ford

Partnerships and Collaboration Category



Constable Tracey Ford

Constable Tracey Ford has been a pioneer in working with Calgary's South Asian community through the Diversity Unit of the Calgary Police Service. She works with community leaders to help facilitate discussions and to solve challenges impacting the safety and wellbeing of this community, using, among other tools, a Peacekeeping Circle model, which brings a part of her own Indigenous culture into her work. Constable Ford is skilled at bridging the gap that exists within the South Asian diaspora, connecting the community in a positive way to law enforcement. Constable Ford focuses her attention on people in need, as well as on initiatives that maximize the community's ability

to live a safe and peaceful life. Constable Ford is particularly gifted at supporting young adults and women from this traditional, patriarchal community to become involved in community-based decision making.

Constable Ford joined the Edmonton Police Service in 1992 as an Indigenous female during a period when it was not common. Since then, she has served in various roles and units such as Aboriginal Liaison, Youth Education and Intervention, the Child-At-Risk Response Team, as well as provided anti-bullying programs to Calgary junior high schools. She was the Acting Sergeant responsible for Gateway, Cops for Kids, and she was involved in the development of the YARD program.

Her personal and professional experience has coalesced in her work with Calgary's South Asian community. Constable Ford's cultural competence and commitment to service has helped this community forge a path to building a safer, stronger community and city.

**Congratulations to
the 2021 Alberta
Community Justice
Award recipients**

