

newsletter



Romance n' Roses Gala ...

A "Roaring" Success

February 20th was a night to remember with over 200 guests stepping back into the Roaring Twenties. Danny Hooper started the evening by auctioning off Anthony Parker & Keon Raymond (Calgary Stampeder: Grey Cup Champions) to the highest bidders; this was followed by a wonderful meal served by Two Sisters Catering; then the live auction; and ended with music provided by MGD Sounds. Guests, in their finest attire,



were gifted with photos from Sarah Collins Photography. Special thanks go to our sponsors: X-Calibur, Rocky Mountain House Co-op, Lone Pine Forest Products and B94. Our deepest gratitude goes to everyone who provided cash donations, live and silent auction items. To all who attended and volunteered, we couldn't do this without you... it is you who makes this night a 'roaring' success. Although all the numbers are not yet in, the 2015 Romance n' Roses Gala raised approximately \$38,000 in support of women and children fleeing domestic violence.

"The future will be shaped in the arena of human activity, by those willing to commit their minds and their bodies to the task". Robert Kennedy



Message from the Executive Director

"The people who could do most to improve the situation of so many women and children are in fact, men. It's in our hands to stop violence towards women." —
[Patrick Stewart](#), actor

I read this quote the other day which reminded me of the powerful impact Anthony Parker and Keon Raymond made at the 2015 Romance n' Roses Gala. They talked about gender based violence and the importance of speaking out to stop violence towards women.

Jackson Katz (MVP) teaches the "bystanders approach" to gender violence and bullying prevention. It focuses on young men not as perpetrators or potential perpetrators, but as empowered bystanders who can confront abusive peers – and support abused ones. It focuses on young women not as victims or potential targets of harassment, rape and abuse, but as empowered bystanders who can support abused peers - and confront abusive ones. In this model, a "bystander" is defined as a family member, friend, classmate, teammate, co-worker: anyone who is imbedded in a family, school, social, or professional relationship with someone who might in some way be abusive or experiencing abuse (MVP website).

It is time that each of us take a stand because ***it's in our hands to stop violence towards women***".



Please join
Mountain Rose Women's Shelter
to take a stand!



Volunteers are the back-bone of our community. You are unsung heroes who are willing to share your valuable time, talents, and energy to help make Mountain Rose Women's Shelter Association run smoother and help lighten our load.

Our Volunteer Team contributes to many special events such as Romance 'n Roses Gala, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes and Safe Ride/Bartending bookings. These events accomplish two goals: fundraising and public awareness.

Each of you brings your special skills to our events. We laugh, we have fun, we work hard, but most of all we work together for the benefit of our cause – Domestic Violence. Please remember you are much appreciated. We could not achieve our Mission, Vision and Goals without your on-going support.

You make Mountain Rose Women's Shelter Association a better place for our community and the people in our community.

Thank you!

Please welcome MRWSA's new Volunteer Coordinator, Shelley Little. You can contact Shelley at the office Tuesday through Thursday at 403-845-5339 or email slittle@mrwsa.net

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The Issue

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on March 20, 2015

Domestic violence hurts everyone - the women, children and families who experience violence, the witnesses and bystanders, as well as those who are responsible for the violence. It strains our social service, health, education, police and justice systems. Because domestic violence shatters the sense of well-being needed to thrive in life, it hurts our whole community.

In Canada, over 1.14 million people reported they had been either physically or sexually assaulted by their partner or spouse in the last five years. [1](#)

It is estimated that the total economic impact of spousal violence in Canada in 2009 is \$7.4 billion, amounting to \$220 per Canadian. [2](#)

The percentage of self-reported spousal violence in Alberta was 7.6 per cent, compared to 6.2 per cent nationally. [3](#)

Alberta has the second highest rate of self-reported spousal violence in the country. [4](#)

Nearly ten per cent (9 per cent) of Albertans find it acceptable in at least one situation to be physically violent towards their spouse. [5](#)

In Alberta, "having to address ongoing domestic violence, even after women have left an abusive situation, has cost more than \$600 million in the past five years, with \$521 million of this tab being picked up by Alberta taxpayers." [6](#)

Endnotes:

1 Statistics Canada, Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile, 2010, by Maire Sinha, no. 85-002-X (Ottawa, ON: Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Ministry of Industry, 2012).

2 Ting Zang, Josh Hoddenbagh, Susan McDonald, Katie Scrim, An estimation of the economic impact of spousal violence in Canada (Department of Justice Canada, 2012).

3 Statistics Canada. (2011). Family violence in Canada: A statistical profile: 2009 GSS victimization survey (Catalogue no. 85-224-X). Ottawa, ON: Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Ministry of Industry.

4 Ibid.

5 Ipsos Reid Public Affairs, Albertans' Perceptions of Family Violence and Bullying Survey (Edmonton: Government of Alberta, 2012).

6 Lana M. Wells, Casey Boodt and Herb Emery, "Preventing Domestic Violence in Alberta: A cost savings Perspective," SPP Research Papers, 5, no. 17(2012), 7.

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Check out MRWSA Website <http://mrwsa.net>

....upcoming event

The logo for 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' features a red high-heeled shoe icon above the text 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®'.
Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®

Calling all of Rocky Mountain House & Area

THE INTERNATIONAL MEN'S MARCH
TO STOP RAPE, SEXUAL ASSAULT & GENDER VIOLENCE

Take Up the High Heel Challenge

Mountain Rose Women's Shelter Association presents their 4th annual "Walk a Mile In Her Shoes®" Fundraiser Prepare to make a difference... **challenge** another company, a group, your family, or just a friend. Walk as a group, walk as a family, or walk alone – this event will be fun filled for everyone. Keep an eye open for an upcoming date and join us at for laughter, fun and serious walking. For registration, information or if you would like to sponsor this event please call 403-845-5339, fax 403.8452124 or email ceaston@mrwsa.net. We look forward to seeing the support of our community!

As a Community Member, I Support Mountain Rose Women's Shelter Association



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