



## Wise Women Awards 2013

The time has come once again to consider who you would like to recognize through for this years Wise Women Awards. Nominations are sought from the regions of the Beaufort/Delta, Sahtu, Deh Cho, North Slave and South Slave. One woman from each of these regions will be selected by the Council to receive a Wise Women 2013 Award. The awards are meant to honor women who are role models in their communities. It recognizes the advocacy work, support and dedication to improving the status of women and is meant to encourage women to continue their great work. Recipients will be honoured at the International Women's Day Bread and Roses Luncheon on March 8, 2013. To download the nomination form please visit our website or call us and we can email/mail you a copy.

## December 6<sup>th</sup> Vigil End Violence Against Women

December 6, 2012, marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of what came to be known as the Montreal Massacre. Events are held throughout the country to remember the 14 women who were killed and all women who have suffered violence in their lives because they were women. We welcome you on this day to join us in remembering those we have lost and take action by declaring that violence against women will not be tolerated.

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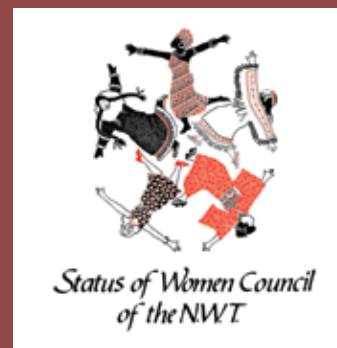
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## Women Speak 2012 Winter Newsletter

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### Happy Holidays

The council would like to wish you warmth and happiness over the holidays. We hope that you get to spend lots of time with family and close friends over the winter season.

The council will be celebrating this year by hosting an open house on December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 12pm at our office on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Northwest Tower. Please join us for a nice turkey dinner and some holiday cheer.

Our office will be closed from December 21<sup>st</sup> reopening January 7<sup>th</sup> in the new year.

Once again we wish you a safe holiday and a happy new year.



Poverty is of great concern to the Status of Women Council of the NWT, especially where children are affected. Equity in the well-being of all NWT residents is critical to the overall well-being of the NWT, our communities, and our families.

The 16th Legislative Assembly passed a motion in February 2010 calling on the Government to develop an Anti-Poverty Strategy for the NWT. As a result, a series of meetings, focus groups and roundtables have been held across the territory over the last two years.

In June of this year, a roundtable of 28 key stakeholders (including the Status of Women Council) came together in Hay River to begin drafting an NWT Anti-Poverty Strategic Framework. This group met again in Inuvik in October to continue the work.

Since that time, a smaller working group of delegates (including a representative from the Status of Women Council) was formed to progress the draft strategy based on the discussions of both roundtables. The Council has been most active in addressing the needs of children in poverty and their families.

The Status of Women Council is very pleased that this government is taking a serious look at poverty across the territory, and seeking meaningful solutions. We are very proud to be an active member of the team that is helping to develop an effective anti-poverty strategy that makes sense for all women, men and children in the NWT.

## Practicum Student



## Jacq Brasseur

With SWC from:  
Sept. 2012 - Dec. 2012

I was born and raised in Yellowknife, NT by two parents who work as teachers in the North. I attended elementary and high school in Yellowknife and continued my education at Aurora College in the Certificate of Social Work program. Currently, I'm in my second year at Aurora College, and am doing my first practicum at the Status of Women Council! Outside of school, I run It Gets Better Yellowknife, an outreach program that supports queer and trans\* youth and their allies in Yellowknife. I also volunteer with Jeunesse TNO, Northern V Network and I just started blogging for the young feminist magazine, Shameless Magazine.



# Family Violence Awareness Week

For the past twelve years the Coalition Against Family Violence NWT (CAFV) has organized Family Violence Awareness Week. Through the coalition an annual campaign is organized territorially by providing an information kit to over 400 community agencies across the NWT. This kit consists of important awareness tools service providers can use to raise awareness around family violence and that particular year's theme/target group. This year's target group was youth and many schools participated in the events that were organized in all the different communities.

Small grants have been awarded to 10 communities to help them organize their own events throughout the week. These communities were Tsiigehtchic, Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Norman Wells, Lutsel K'e, Fort Good Hope, Fort Simpson, Fort Providence, Behchoko and Tuktoyaktuk. Each community provided a unique experience for their community members that helped address and raise awareness of family violence in their community in a way that community members could participate. In addition to the grants small promotional items were sent to 15 community agencies with the most popular item being a booklet "Family Violence and Teens". This booklet has small quizzes and pop culture references that allow the information of teen dating and dating violence to be better understood by youth.

The Council would like to thank the following GNWT departments Health & Social Services, the Executive and Community Justice for the generous support and funding. We would also like to thank Northern News Services for sponsoring and supporting our efforts and events throughout Family Violence Awareness Week.

All information from this year's and the past three year's Family Violence Awareness Kits are available on our website under the Family Violence tab. If you would like more copies we would be happy to provide you with some while supplies last.



# Funding and Support Team (FAST)

Community- based non -government agencies and groups are eligible for up to \$10,000.00 of multi-year funding assistance from the Community HIV / HEP C Prevention and Awareness Project.

**Goal:** To promote and support community HIV/Hep C initiatives in the NWT

**Objective:** To continue to implement a program delivery process that coordinates community development HIV and Hepatitis C initiatives in NWT while ensuring that funding is distributed in an equitable, effective and accountable manner

The Status of Women Council of the NWT is pleased to have administered seven community projects and coordinating the Funding and Support Team for HIV Awareness and Prevention Program 2012-2013. The Council has safe sex kits available to promote HIV awareness in your community. If you would like a resource kit please contact us.

If you would like additional information on our programming or wish to order resources on HIV Awareness please call the Council's toll free line at 1-888-234-4485 or 920-6177 in Yellowknife.

## Promotion Items

Promotion items are available to anyone that would like them while supplies last. This year the Council is addressing promotion items around safe sex, family violence awareness, wise woman awards, supporting an alcohol free pregnancy and much more.

If you would like more information on what is available please just call or email our staff and they would be happy to help. Also don't forget we still have a resource library for anyone to use that includes videos, reports and books of special interest to the council.

Call toll free 1.888.234.4485 or email [council@statusofwomen.nt.ca](mailto:council@statusofwomen.nt.ca) to place an order or for more information. You can also go to our website [www.statusofwomen.nt.ca](http://www.statusofwomen.nt.ca).

## Workshops

As of late the council has been very busy providing small workshops to community groups within Yellowknife.

These workshops mainly consist of vision boards, self esteem work, internet safety, day of the girl awareness, Family Violence awareness and some healthy relationship focus.

The council is happy to provide capacity building or lifeskills workshops to communities that request them. We can tailor make a presentation to what a community's needs are.

Due to our limited travel budget we are not able to do many workshops outside of the capital unless community groups can help with our travel. We can provide all the rest.

If you are interested please give us a call and we can see what best suits your needs.

"No longer will we (women) agree to protect the hearth at the price of extinguishing the fire within ourselves."

~ Celia Gilbert