



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**23rd annual Turning Points Fundraising Gala, “Unmasking Family Violence and Abuse” raises \$616,583 for the Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter**

**CALGARY, AB – May 1, 2017:** On Thursday, April 27, 2017, the Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter held its 23rd annual Turning Points Gala at the TELUS Convention Centre. ***Unmasking Family Violence and Abuse*** celebrated the courageous individuals and families in our community striving to live free from family violence and abuse as well as commemorate the important work of the agency. Mayor Naheed Nenshi, Calgary Police Chief Roger Chaffin, emcee Dave Kelly, and many others joined the agency to unmask the myths, stereotypes and stigmas to reveal the true picture of family violence and abuse. The event raised \$616,583 in support of the agency’s innovative programs and services to help build safer, healthier and happier lives for women, children, youth and men.

“The passion and tireless dedication of our Co-Chairs - Sherri Logel and Shelly Norris, Honorary Patron – Avi Amir, and the Turning Points Committee helped make this event a success,” says Kim Ruse, Executive Director, Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter, “We thank them for their commitment, and all our sponsors and donors for their generous support in taking a stand to help unmask family violence and abuse in our community.”

Turning Points 2017 Sponsors include: *Platinum:* Cardel Lifestyles, Homes by Avi, and Norris Family Foundation; *Gold:* Borger Group of Companies, Newalta and Qualico; *Silver:* Brookfield Residential, Calgary Sun, Enerplus, and Imperial; *Bronze:* ATB Financial, Brydon Construction, Carrington Lighting, Elegant Woodwork and Construction Ltd., Emerson Clarke Printing, GDI Integrated Facility Services, Giusti Group of Companies, Heritage Pointe Properties/Heritage Pointe Golf Club, Okotoks Home Hardware Building Centre, Hoover Mechanical, Igloo Building Supplies Group Ltd., Investra Ltd., Jayman BUILT, Kelmar Electric, Keyera Corporation, MarlynCrast Inc., McLeod Law LLP, New Interiors, NexusV, Pekarsky & Co., Peter The Plantman, Rogers & Company, Royal LePage Solutions, Saunders Landscaping, Spencer Stuart & Associates, TELUS, Toole Peet Insurance, and Werklund Foundation. Event Supporters: Bill Pringle Photography, brooks & dodd consulting inc., Dave Kelly, Evolution Presentation Technologies, Kelly Brothers Productions and Orange Frog Productions.

**ABOUT THE CALGARY WOMEN’S EMERGENCY SHELTER**

The Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter is focused on ending family violence and abuse in the lives of women, children, youth and men. “Taking a Stand Against Family Violence and Abuse” in the community since 1974, the agency has helped nearly 200,000 Calgarians build safe lives and healthy relationships. Although the Emergency Shelter is the cornerstone of the organization, it is “More than a Shelter”, providing a number of innovative safety, healing and prevention programs. For more information: [www.calgarywomensshelter.com](http://www.calgarywomensshelter.com).

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