



Comité d'action du premier ministre
sur la prévention de la violence familia

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ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

1) Plum Pudding Fundraiser to Benefit CLIA and the PEI Humane Society, available after December 1

Handmade from a traditional war-time family recipe, Pat Robinson's famous plum puddings are vegetarian-friendly, low in fat and low in sugar!

These puddings are the perfect way to end a holiday meal and make excellent last-minute gifts to keep on hand in the freezer. Each pudding is beautifully gift-wrapped with a recipe card for the sauce attached.

Customer feedback has indicated the puddings are diabetic friendly so instead of sauce, you can warm up a slice and serve it with a spread of butter or a dollop of yogurt or frozen yogurt!

Pick up arrangements to be made with Pat. Puddings available after Dec. 1st! Only \$15! (all profits go to CLIA and the PEI Humane Society).

For info or to order: plumpudding@eastlink.ca or 902-566-4388

2) Memorial Services for Victims of Violence – December 6

December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

On and around December 6, candle-lighting services remember 14 young women who in 1989 were murdered because they were women in what became known as the Montreal Massacre. We remember ten women since 1989 murdered on Prince Edward Island by men who knew them. Join others in your community to light a candle of remembrance, to remember, to reflect, and to act so these murders end.

Charlottetown Memorial Service

12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Memorial Hall, Confederation Centre of the Arts (venue sponsor), **Charlottetown**

Mi'kmaw ceremony & prayers: Elder Judy Clark & Julie Pellissier-Lush

Guest Speaker: Treena Smith

Music: Sylvia Abikhatar-Mutch & Peter Mutch

For more information call 902-368-4510 PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women

3) Reminder: Purple Ribbons and Posters Available!

Purple ribbons pinned to bookmarks and multilingual posters are available by contacting the PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women at:

Tel: 902-368-4510

Email: info@peistatusofwomen.ca

Office Location: Main level

161 St. Peter's Road (Sherwood Business Centre)

Charlottetown

Our 2017-18 Purple Ribbon Campaign theme focuses on the power of bystanders: **Don't stand by. Stand with. Everyone has a part to play in ending violence against women.**

Be a part of the solution by speaking up and taking action when you see violence occurring or have concerns that someone may be harmed. Be a part of the solution by wearing a purple ribbon to show your support for women and girls and your commitment to ending gender-based violence.

4) Islanders invited to help craft poverty-reduction strategy, deadline December 8

Islanders are invited to help create a collaborative strategy to further reduce poverty in the province.

The Poverty Reduction Advisory Council will provide input and advice on poverty reduction, focusing on housing, food, and employment. Islanders can apply to join the advisory council through Engage PEI at www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/executive-council-office/engage-pei **until December 8, 2017.**

“The members of this council will bring a range of experiences and views that will help us consider the many factors contributing to poverty, as well as ways to create and take action on short and longer-term solutions,” Family and Human Services Minister Tina Mundy said. “The council will also engage with the public, community groups, not-for-profit and service organizations, leaders in private and corporate sectors, and provincial and municipal governments.”

In addition to the contributions of groups and individuals across the province, the Poverty Reduction Strategy will build on recent government initiatives to reduce poverty which include:

- increases to social assistance food rates and personal comfort allowances;
- increases to seniors and low-income home repair programs;
- increases to school breakfast programs;
- increases to minimum wage;
- *Income Tax Act* changes to help lower-income Islanders;
- introduction of Generic and Catastrophic Drug programs;
- introduction of Harvest and Prosper Program; and
- introduction of a Grandparents and Care Providers Program

“Government cannot address poverty alone and our strategy will focus on the role of all partners,” Minister Mundy said. “We must work together to ensure everyone has the chance to be self-sufficient, healthy and able to thrive in our Island society.”

Public consultations will take place in early 2018 as part of the development of a collaborative poverty reduction strategy.

5) Family Violence Prevention Week 2018 Campaign

Watch for information on the 2018 Family Violence Prevention Week Campaign at <http://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/familyviolencepreventionweek2018campaign>.

Information on **PAC mini-grants** is now available on the Campaign site. Municipalities and community organizations are eligible to apply for a single grant in support of an event during Family Violence Prevention Week. See the application form (English and French versions attached) for details. Possible events include an evening information session, a brown bag lunch with guest speaker or facilitated discussion of a video such as a Ted Talk, a display of family violence resources, a community walk, a PAC presentation or an activity that supports or partners with front-line services.

Successful applications will be funded on a rolling basis (first come/first served) until all grants have been awarded. Applications close at 5:00pm on 12 January, 2018. Early submissions are encouraged.

6) PEI FVPS launches their 2017-2018 Financial Campaign!

We are happy to launch our Financial Campaign. This year we are focusing on our Outreach service and roles our Outreach workers play in supporting parents. When children have experienced or witnessed family violence it is crucial that parents are supported in ways that help those children heal. Helping parents understand the effects of abuse on children is just one way our workers help. We also have workers trained in Handle with Care – a program to foster better mental health in children through attachment with parents. We have recently trained some workers in Triple P parenting so that our clients can be armed with tools for discipline and setting boundaries in a loving, positive way. Please see attached brochure for more information. We're also including a campaign letter for donations. Please spread the word!

7) Anderson House Christmas Wish Program

This Christmas please consider contributing to our Christmas Wish program. The program provides gifts for children who have stayed at Anderson House or have been involved with our Outreach Program in 2017. Donors are matched with parents and asked to purchase a gift card for \$50 to a store the parent has chosen. This allows our clients to buy and wrap gifts for their children themselves, which is very important to us. Our clients appreciate the extra help around the holidays. For more information contact Michelle at 902-368-8658.

8) Newsletter on Sibling Violence

Sibling violence is a common form of family violence yet it is often overlooked.

This newsletter (attached) will:

- *Describe* the different types of sibling violence
- *Identify* signs that sibling violence may be occurring
- *Present* factors that increase the risk for sibling violence
- *Describe* the impacts of sibling violence for children, youth, and adults
- *Provide* helpful tips to prevent and address sibling violence

Sibling violence is the physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse of one sibling by another. It is not the everyday squabbles, rivalry, or physical playing between siblings. Sibling violence often involves a power imbalance that makes it difficult for harmed children to protect or defend themselves.

Much of sibling violence does not take place in front of parents or other caregivers. When it does occur in front of them, the violence is often minimized due to widely-held beliefs that *it helps toughen kids up and prepares them for life*.

Accordingly, sibling violence is not often recognized as a form of abuse, even by the child being harmed. Research tells us a different story. Sibling violence is harmful and may have serious short-term and long-term impacts.

For more information see the newsletter, attached.

REMINDER DETAILS

1) Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 5: Networking the grassroots domestic violence movement from across Canada, March 20-23, 2018

The Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 5 is a national showcase of groundbreaking grassroots initiatives that address intimate partner violence.

While primarily emphasizing men's violence against women, this Conference will also focus conversations on the margins of the field, such as violence in same-sex relationships; violence with people with disabilities; in aboriginal relationships; first generation immigrant relationships; and straight women's perpetration of abuse.

To address the diversity among women, the conference will explore conversations with women who want to leave, women who are ambivalent about their relationships and women who know they want to stay. This broad range of discussions will include individual, couple, family and group conversations.

This year, the CDVC5 will highlight trailblazing community initiatives designed to challenge social determinants of domestic violence. While primarily challenging

sexism, the Conference will also focus on how the field is challenging key issues such as racism, poverty, homophobia, and ableism.

The mandate of the Conference is to move the field forward, and therefore encourages participants and presenters to highlight and share innovative approaches that are developing in the various communities across Canada.

Location: Nova Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Registration fees:

Pre-conference workshops (March 20 & 21, 2018): **\$160.00 CDN** per workshop

Main Conference (March 22-23, 2018):

- Professionals - Early-bird Rate (prior to February 15, 2018) **\$295.00** CDN
- Professionals - Regular Rate (after February 15, 2018) **\$345.00** CDN
- Students - Early-bird Rate (prior to February 15, 2018) **\$160.00** CDN
- Students - Regular Rate (after February 15, 2018) **\$190.00** CDN

To register go to <https://canadiandomesticviolenceconference.org/registration/>

For information on pre-conference workshops and the conference program go to:

<https://canadiandomesticviolenceconference.org/events>

2) **Volunteers Still Needed by PEI Family Violence Prevention Services**

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services is still looking for volunteers. We're interested in individuals to help promote our events throughout the year. Whether you want to share events, post flyers or spread news by word of mouth, we'd love to have you on our list of supporters! Many hands make light work- and good promotion can often mean the difference between a successful or unsuccessful event! If you are interested please email lindsay@fvps.ca and ask to join our mailing list, or follow us on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/PEIFVPS>) or Twitter (<http://twitter.com/PEIFVPS>)

3) **PEI Family Violence Prevention Services Building Brighter Futures Campaign**

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services is delighted with the success thus far in the Building Brighter Futures endowment campaign. **We are currently over 62% of our \$1 Million dollar goal.** If you are interested in contributing to the campaign, or helping out in any of our fundraising, please contact Lindsay Merrill at lindsay@fvps.ca To see more about the campaign, as well as access our campaign brochure and promotional video, visit our website at <http://www.fvps.ca/brighterfutures>

4) **Men Matter, PEI's male centered group program being offered for male survivors of sexual abuse**

Men Matter is a male centered, free of charge group program for male survivors of sexual abuse in PEI (see flyer attached). **Men Matter** is managed and administered by the PEI

Rape and Sexual Assault Centre, and the Catholic Family Services Bureau is the access point for men who wish to participate.

If you would like more information about the Men Matter program, you can call Sigrid Rolfe at the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre, 902-566-1864, or Chris Doiron at the Catholic Family Service Bureau, 902-894-3515.

THANK YOU and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**Premier's Action Committee on
Family Violence Prevention Vision Statement**

A society where all individuals are safe, respected and valued; where any form of violence is unacceptable; and where children, women, and men have opportunities to reach their full potential and contribute to the overall well-being of all families and communities.

www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca