

The Advocate: Helping Ourselves Help Others

May 27, 2019

St. Albert Victim Services Newsletter

St. Albert Victim Services



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Save The Date

Anxiety

May 28, 2019 6 pm – 8 pm. (see April 8 newsletter)

Victims and Survivors of Crime Week Workshop

May 30, 2019, April 29 newsletter

Social Media Course

June 03, 2019

Safety Fair

June 9, 2019

St. Albert Community Recognition Award Ceremony

June 17, 2019

Mental Health First Aid

June 20 and 27 2019 (see May 13th)

Family Violence Across the LifeSpan Workshops (see Feb. 25 newsletter)

June 26 and 27

September 4 and 5

December 4 and 5

All of the exciting past issues are located in the VSU office.

Exciting News....
Congratulations!!
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Social Media Course

Board Member Derrick Meyer will be holding a Social Media course for anyone that is interested in gaining some social media knowledge.

- Join Derrick on June 03, 2019 at 1:00pm in the St. Albert, RCMP Boardroom.

Hot of the Press

Victim Services Executive Director, Tammy Hugi showing the press how it's done during Safety Week



GRILLED TO PERFECTION – Tammy Hugi, executive director of St. Albert Victim Services, and Const. Truong Tran of the St. Albert RCMP, barbecue hot dogs during the 'Meet Your Neighbour' barbecue luncheon outside the RCMP detachment last week.

But Seriously...



YOU COME FROM
DUST,
YOU WILL RETURN TO
DUST.

THAT'S WHY I DON'T
DUST.
IT COULD BE SOMEONE
I KNOW.

...Correction – the wine basket draw was not a VSU initiative. Ms. Hugi supplied the baskets and volunteered her time to supply the BBQ. Join us in thanking Tammy for her admirable efforts as well as everyone who took the baskets around for donations.

A Job Well Done!





3 January 2019

Dear Sir/Madam:

It is my pleasure to nominate St. Albert Victim Services Advocates for the St. Albert Community Recognition Award in the category of Citizenship.

For over 25 years, St. Albert Victim Services has provided support, assistance, information and referrals to victims of crime, violent acts, and accidental or natural disasters within the City of St. Albert to minimize the effect of their crisis and help return their lives to a desired degree of stability. St. Albert Victim Services also provides court preparation and court support services, with all services being provided to victims without charge.

St. Albert Victim Services relies on support from approximately twenty volunteer Advocates to provide support to victims. In 2017, Advocates responded to over 1300 RCMP referrals and to fifty crisis calls that included victims of sexual assault, sudden death, domestic violence, assault, theft, suicide, threats and harassment.

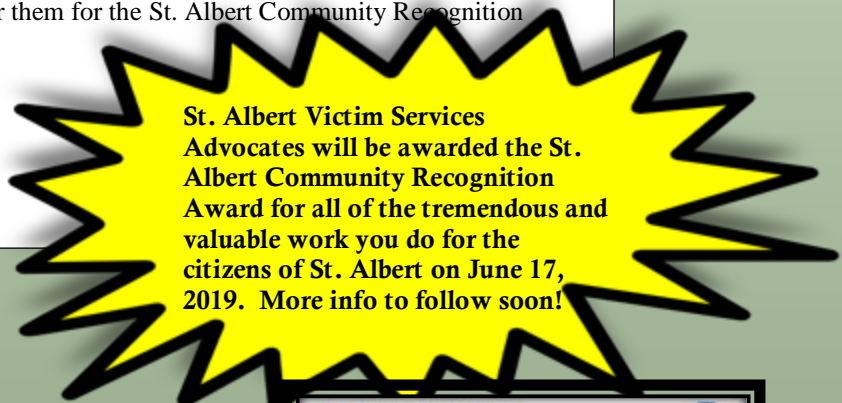
St. Albert Victim Services Advocates are St. Albert's unsung heroes. They endure a lengthy security clearance screening process, successfully complete an intensive training program with the Alberta Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General and continually update their skills which enable them to effectively respond to and support victims of crime. Our Advocates do all of this humanitarian work on a strictly volunteer basis.

St. Albert Victim Services, a registered charity, would like to acknowledge the important work our volunteer Advocates do by inviting you to consider them for the St. Albert Community Recognition Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Hugi, Executive Director

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St. Albert Victim Services Advocates will be awarded the St. Albert Community Recognition Award for all of the tremendous and valuable work you do for the citizens of St. Albert on June 17, 2019. More info to follow soon!



We have 10 complimentary tickets for VSU volunteers and their guests...first come first serve – e-mail Diane at dianegoodwinnini@gmail.com



There is still space for volunteers. Contact Grace if you wish to participate.



Education Corner

Click below the links

Family Violence Across the Lifespan Workshop

Family Violence Across the Lifespan is a 2-Day interactive and engaging workshop that gives service providers a basic understanding of family violence. Participants will learn about types of abuse, cycle of abuse, dispel common family violence myths, understand barriers, safety planning, and how to respond to disclosures. Participants will also examine the impacts of family violence on children, seniors, newcomers, and in LGBTQ+ relationships. This workshop aims to develop skills to identify, respond, and support clients within their organization and community.

Cost: \$40, (includes lunch)

Upcoming dates in 2019:

June 26 & 27

September 4 & 5

December 4 & 5

Please contact 780-455-6880 or info@thetodaycentre.ca for more information and to register.

A purple banner with white and blue text. The left side says 'BUILDING CAPACITY' in large letters. The right side says 'PROTECTING CHILDREN AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION' in smaller letters. Below the text are logos for 'Caribou Child & Youth Centre' and 'Pace Community Support, Sexual Assault & Trauma Centre'. At the bottom, the dates 'JUNE 11, 2019' and 'JUNE 12, 2019' are displayed in white on a dark blue background.

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JUNE 11, 2019 **JUNE 12, 2019**