



MARGARET NEWALL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Margaret Newall has a long history of community activism and women-focused philanthropy. She co-founded both Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse (RESOLVE) and the Prairieaction Foundation and served as the foundation's Chair for 10 years.

Margaret Newall is a leading voice for ending violence against women. Through Prairieaction Foundation, she and a team of activists set out to raise funds to promote research and education to help end domestic violence. With an ambitious target of five million dollars, Margaret personally campaigned to corporations, governments and individuals across Central Canada until she reached her impressive goal.

This fundraising initiative led to a significant milestone for domestic violence support on the Prairies: the creation of RESOLVE, a research and education network with centres at the universities

of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Calgary and partnerships with community-based agencies, government policymakers and researchers across the Prairie provinces.

Margaret also has a deep commitment to causes that support Indigenous women and families and believes that philanthropy plays a key role in advancing truth and reconciliation. Notably, Margaret is supporting the capital campaign to build a one-of-a-kind healing lodge for the Thunder Women Healing Lodge Society—a community-driven initiative committed to breaking the cycle of Indigenous women's over-representation in Canada's prisons.

Margaret and her work have been recognized throughout the Prairies and nationally. She holds honorary degrees from the Universities of Regina, Manitoba and Calgary for her contributions to the community. She was also selected as a co-recipient of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation Award for her work on behalf of survivors of family violence and as a founding member of the Prairieaction Foundation.

Margaret is a Member of the Order of Canada, and in 2012, she received the Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her contributions to Canada.

Margaret has an endless drive to empower those around her to learn, grow and thrive. She embodies the belief that contributing to a community is what makes you a part of it.



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