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24th annual Turning Points Fundraising Gala, "Take A Stand Against Family Violence and Abuse" raises \$676,000 for the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter

CALGARY, AB: On Thursday, April 26, 2018, the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter held its 24th annual Turning Points Gala at the TELUS Convention Centre. ***Take A Stand Against 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. Calgary Police Chief Roger Chaffin, emcee Dave Kelly, community leaders and 650 guests joined together to *Take A Stand* and help raise awareness and change the conversation around family violence and abuse. The event raised \$676,000, which is the most raised to date at the event.

"It took months of planning, hard work and the generosity of many to make this event a success," says Kim Ruse, Executive Director, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, "Co-Chairs - Sherri Logel and Shelly Norris, Honorary Patron - Bill Berger, and the Turning Points Committee have all worked with passion and commitment. We thank them for their tireless dedication, and all our incredible sponsors and donors for their generous support in helping us Take a Stand against family violence and abuse."

All proceeds from Turning Points will support the agency's innovative programs and services to help build safer, healthier and happier lives for women, children, youth and men.

Turning Points 2018 sponsors: *Platinum:* Cardel Lifestyles, Logel Homes, Norris Family Foundation and Royal LePage Solutions *Gold:* Berger Group of Companies, Homes by Avi and Qualico; *Silver:* Brookfield Residential, Calgary Sun, GDI Integrated Facility Services; *Bronze:* A-1 Cement, Artisan Homes, ATB Financial, Boyden, Canyon Plumbing & Heating Ltd, Classic Kitchens and Cabinets, Contempa Carpet Company, Crystal Waters Plumbing, Emerson Clarke Printing, Giusti Group of Companies, Hoover Mechanical, Igloo Building Supplies, Keyera, Laurie M. Anderson & Debbie D. Johnson of Calgary Family Law Associates, Lawson Lundell LLP, McLeod Law LLP, Melcor, Mercedes-Benz Downtown Calgary, Moving Joy Design Group, New Interiors, NexusV, Optimum Dentistry, Pekarsky & Co., Peter The Plantman, Ply Gem Building Products, RBC, Saunders Landscaping, Silverhill Acura, Valentine Volvo and Werklund Foundation. Event Supporters: Advance Your Cause, Bill Marsh Photography, Evolution Audio Visual, Dave Kelly, 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" in the community since 1974, the agency has helped close to 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.

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