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Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter's "25 Years of Turning Points" Gala raises \$676,230

CALGARY, AB: On Thursday, April 25, 2019, the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter hosted **25 Years of Turning Points** at the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre. The Turning Points Gala is the agency's signature fundraising event which commemorated this 25 year milestone and honoured the event founders. It celebrated the courageous individuals and families in our community striving to live free from family violence and abuse as well as commemorated the important work of the agency. Emcee Dave Kelly, community leaders and more than 560 guests joined together to *Take A Stand* and help raise awareness and change the conversation around family violence and abuse. The event raised \$676,230, the most raised to date.

"Many years ago, the Turning Points Founders had a vision to contribute to the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter in a different way, by volunteering their time and funds to organize a gala; 25 years later the gala continues to bring the community together to take a stand against family violence and abuse," says Kim Ruse, Executive Director, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, "Thank you to the Turning Points Founders, 2019 Co-Chairs – Sherri Logel and Shelly Norris, and the organizing committee for their passion and commitment, and to all our incredible sponsors and donors for their generous support in helping make this event a success."

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 2019 sponsors and supporters include: *Platinum:* Cardel Lifestyles, Logel Homes and Norris Family Foundation – Shelly and Alan Norris; *Gold:* Borger Group of Companies, Postmedia and Royal LePage Solutions; *Silver:* Brookfield Residential, CREB Charitable Foundation, Homes By Avi and GDI Integrated Facility Services; *Bronze:* ATB Financial, Emerson Clarke Printing, Evolution AV, Giusti Group of Companies, Global Public Affairs, Hoover Mechanical, Igloo Building Supplies, Jason Baba of RBC Dominion Securities, Keyera, Laurie M. Anderson & Debbie D. Johnson of Calgary Family Law Associates, Mercedes-Benz Downtown Calgary, NEXUSV, Pacific Wine & Spirits, Peter The Plantman, RBC, Saunders Landscaping/Otis Excavating, Silverhill Acura, Valentine Volvo and Werklund Foundation; *Event Supporters:* Bill Marsh Photography, brooks and dodd consulting inc., 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 more than 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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