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Press Release

CWLC to Announce 2012 Achievement Award Winners

OTTAWA (February 28, 2013) –The Child Welfare League of Canada (CWLC) will announce its 2012 Achievement Award winners at a reception on Thursday, February 28th at 5:00-7:00 PM, at The National Hotel in Ottawa. Special guest of honour Kylie Aglukark, Executive Director of the Arctic Children and Youth Foundation will speak about her personal and professional experience in working with Indigenous youth.

Hosted by Chief Executive Officer Gordon Phaneuf, CWLC Achievement Awards recognize and honour individuals from across Canada who have shown exceptional dedication in specific areas of the child welfare system. Nominees are identified by CWLC member organizations and represent an array of professions from all provinces and territories. They are selected by an independent Evaluation Committee.

“CWLC sees tremendous value in recognizing and honoring those who go the extra mile and who work hard to give voice to issues facing vulnerable children and youth”, says Phaneuf. “Further, we take this opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate the resiliency that young people demonstrate. Their efforts serve as powerful examples to their peers as well as to the professionals who strive to make real differences in their lives.”

The winners of CWLC’s six (6) awards will be revealed at this event.

Advocacy Award

Marvin Bernstein, Chief Policy Advisor, UNICEF Canada from Toronto, Ontario
Nominated by Ranch Ehrlo Society

Foster Parent Award

Sheila Durnford, President, Canadian Foster Family Association (CFFA) of Langley, British Columbia
Nominated by members of the CFFA volunteer Board of Directors

Research and Program Excellence Award

Sophie Massé, Agente de planification, de programmation et de recherche, Centre jeunesse de Montréal – Institut universitaire from Varennes, Québec and
Pierrich Plusquellec, Adjunct Professor, School of Psychoeducation, University of Montréal from Montréal, Québec
Nominated by Centre jeunesse de Montréal – Institut universitaire

Youth Achievement Award

Chelsea, an 18-year-old youth from Burnaby, British Columbia
Nominated by the Ministry of Children & Family Development, Vancouver Coastal Region

Children’s Services Award

George Savoury, former Executive Director, Family and Community Supports, Nova Scotia Department of Community Services from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Nominated by the Council of Chairs of the Nova Scotia Community Child Welfare Boards

Exceptional Service Award

Jean-Pierre Hotte, former Chief Executive Officer, l'Association des centres jeunesse du Québec (ACJQ) of
Montréal, Québec

Nominated by his successor at ACJQ, Sylvie Godin

All but two (2) winners will be in attendance. The press is invited to attend this event and meet these deserving individuals.

About the CWLC of Canada:

The Child Welfare League of Canada (www.cwlc.ca) is a membership-based national organization dedicated to promoting the well-being and protection of vulnerable young people. CWLC plays a significant role in championing best practices among those in the field of child welfare, child rights, children and youth mental health and youth criminal justice.

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