

NEWS RELEASE – Calgary Counselling Centre

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Alberta has the highest rate of domestic abuse in Canada

CALGARY – Calgary Counselling Centre is committed to providing leadership in the domestic abuse community and has been at the forefront of domestic abuse treatment, research, training and advocacy for a quarter century.

Domestic abuse infiltrates every facet of our community and yet it is commonly forgotten in the discussion of serious criminal acts and top policing concerns. Calgary Counselling Centre is steadfast in its commitment to providing a coordinated response to domestic abuse.

“For 12 years we have been tracking the Centre’s cases of domestic abuse and found that over time, clients experience lasting change that remains post-treatment,” says Robbie Babins-Wagner, CEO of Calgary Counselling Centre.

The Centre offers extensive programs in family violence counselling. Babins-Wagner says each family or individual receives a customized treatment plan based on situation. Customized treatment is just one of the many reasons the Centre is recognized as a leader in North America for family violence research and programming.

This week Calgary Counselling Centre is inviting “Calgary’s Bravest Men” to stand-up against domestic abuse. “We have seen a lot of progress in awareness and treatment over the years however one area that concerns us is the engagement of men in dialogue around domestic abuse,” says Babins-Wagner.

“Calgary’s Bravest Men” will have the opportunity to acknowledge the impact domestic abuse has on our community at an event held May 10th. It is imperative that passionate male voices engage, support and participate in finding a solution to domestic abuse and this event is a step in the right direction.

The event precedes the 2006 Conference on Family Violence Treatment. Hosted by Calgary Counselling Centre and the University of Calgary’s Faculty of Social Work, the three day conference aims to address the issue of domestic abuse through community partnerships and education.

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