

THE CAVEAT REPORT

NEWS FROM CAVEAT CANADA FOR OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

May 2001

Together, We Made a Difference

After Ten Years CAVEAT is closing.
It's time to say good bye.

In August 1991 a small group of unlikely activists started a petition, addressed to the federal government, as an expression of local horror, fear and a deep and abiding anger at a system that had failed us so horribly. We intended it to last for six weeks. As the momentum built CAVEAT was formed, but we could never have dreamt that we would still be in existence and active ten years later. Nor could we have foreseen that a grassroots movement, focused on distributing a petition, would develop into an organization which would play an important role in the profound changes that have occurred in criminal justice in Canada in the past decade.

Initially, in the 'Kitchen-CAVEAT' days we held coffee-table meetings to discuss strategy and distribution while volunteers operated 'Petition Control' in their kitchens. The first time that a senior Corrections Canada official came to Burlington to ask us to set up a victims' roundtable we met in the glamorous washroom of our donated office which had been designated 'The Boardroom'. He was given the seat of honour perched on the Jacuzzi, a volunteer peeped around the corner of the sauna and I, as President sat primly on the toilet. What a leap there was to meetings and to conferences of 350 attendees, with justice ministers in attendance.

Our surprising growth and development is due to the unbelievably generous support of thousands of individuals and businesses across Canada which gave us the energy to continue when everything else told us to stop. So many of our original supporters still sustain us, whether in small cash donations or ongoing pledges; service clubs and businesses, private citizens and young children, all have added their support. Our Board as well as our volunteer corps have been faithful and unstinting in donating time, expertise, financial resources and contacts while their families have invariably found themselves involved as well.

The loyalty and commitment which Chris Simmonds and Colette Mandin-Kossowan brought when they founded CAVEAT BC and CA VEAT Alberta enriched our work by broadening our understanding, extending assistance to many more victims, and giving us moral support and balance as we navigated the system.

Victims' voices are being heard, and their needs taken into account. We are light years ahead of where

we started, and CAVEAT can take credit for being part of the progress that victims in Canada have achieved in the last decade. Legislative change, policy change and the recognition that victims do play a role in the criminal justice system, has been entrenched.

The establishment of the Office for Victims of Crime in Ontario as well as the Policy Centre for Victim Issues, Justice Canada, were both landmark developments in which we played a part. The role of the victim in the Criminal Justice system is now an integral part of the system. It should be but a matter of time before the other provinces follow suit. The gradual inclusion of victims into policy-making represents a major change in the Canadian landscape.

There remains, however, much still to be done.

In recent years, as we were faced with increasingly complex work, which required increasingly sophisticated resources, we explored every avenue in search of funding for our operations and projects. Time and again, our core supporters came to our rescue as we struggled to balance our need to move forward with our need to pay the bills. We were producing a professional product with minimal, and highly unstable, resources.

This past year we have, with funding support from Justice Canada, examined the changing role of CAVEAT both internally and with a professional consultant. It is clear that organizational restructuring and a period of some secure funding are essential if CAVEAT is to develop the organizational model which would make it an effective participant within the changed criminal justice landscape. Exhaustive analysis has shown that at this time there is no secure funding available to us during this reconstruction phase.

As we now move to close our offices and gradually begin to dismantle our network, let us be clear that there is still a need in our communities for the work of organizations like CAVEAT. I encourage you to lend whatever support you can to undertakings in your area, particularly programs designed to prevent youth crime and victimization.

And please do review the pages of this newsletter. Bask in our successes, for they are your successes.

With our grateful thanks to you all.

Priscilla de Villiers

Priscilla de Villiers, President/Founde



In memory of Nina de Villiers
and all victims of violence



Over 3 million people signed
the CAVEAT Petition



The CAVEAT Petition contingent
in the Parliament Buildings



The then Justice Minister Alan
Rock with CAVEAT Petitions

CAVEAT
CANADIANS AGAINST VIOLENCE



The Yeo Inquest 1992, Jury Forman, Betty Brohman, Priscilla de Villiers, Dr. Jim Young, Chief Coroner of ON

CAVEAT's Dream Was To Make Ourselves Redundant - It Took Ten Years, But We Have Made It!

Summary of CAVEAT Accomplishments!

The Petition

Following the tragic murder of Nina de Villiers on August 9th, 1991 an outpouring of emotions from friends and strangers led to the circulation of a petition allowing Canadians a means of voicing their fear that they were not protected by the justice system. A total of 2.5million Canadians signed this petition which was presented to Justice Minister Allan Rock on Feb.7th, 1994.

The Yeo Inquest

From April to August, 1992, a Coroner's Inquest examined Jonathan Yeo's eleven year history of attacks on women and how he had continually slipped through cracks in the Justice and Mental Health systems. The jury of the Yeo Inquest produced 137 recommendations aimed at preventing such a tragedy from happening again. CAVEAT came into formal being as a voice committed to seeing that these recommendations are acted upon.



1994 Safety Net Conference
London Police Chief Julian Fantino
(Now Toronto Police Chief)

Bill C-18

Over nine years the majority of the recommendations from the YEO inquest have been implemented. The recently passed Bill C-18 addresses one more recommendation. Under Bill C-18, customs officers will provide a first-response capability at ports of entry, with the power to arrest and detain individuals suspected of having committed offenses under the Criminal Code, such as impaired driving, child abduction, and those with outstanding arrest warrants. Officers will complement the work of police forces by bridging the gap between the time an officer detects a Criminal Code violation and the time when police can arrive and intervene.

Raising Awareness

CAVEAT has been instrumental in raising public awareness of victims' issues. We have brought their concerns and stories to the forefront through a variety of media outlets. We have established ourselves as a credible, non-partisan voice.



1995 Safety Net Conference
Scott Newark, President, RCVV
(Now Special Counsel, OVC)

Federal & Provincial Submissions

CAVEAT believes legislative changes are necessary to ensure that victims of crime are afforded respect at all levels of the criminal justice system. We are frequently called upon by government to make submissions and do so from the victim's perspective. Over 20 submissions have been presented to government over the years. We have addressed such topics as sentencing, victims' rights, anti-stalking legislation, killer cards and board games, gun control, the Young Offenders Act, and high risk offenders.

Intervenor Status

CAVEAT was given formal status by the courts to intervene in the following cases:
January 18-19, 2000: R. vs. Sharpe, Supreme Court of Canada, Child Pornography - We won!
January 15, 1999: R. vs. Sharpe, Supreme Court of BC, Child Pornography - We won!
May 1999: Ontario Victims' Bill of Rights, Toronto Superior Court Gun Control Legislation, Supreme Court of Canada - We won!
1994-95: Bernardo Videotapes, Ontario General Division
1995-96: LePage, Capping, Mental Health, Ontario General Division, Ontario Appeal Court - We won

Federal Government Committees

Priscilla de Villiers was asked to participate in many government conferences, including the following:
Law Commission Advisory Council
The Reference Group, Ministry of the Solicitor General
Department of Justice Intermediate Sanctions
Conference on Victims and Correctional Services of Canada
Solicitor General's Ad Hoc Committee on High-Risk Offenders
Ministry of Justice Ad Hoc Committee on Crime Prevention



August 2000
Youth Safety Strategies Roundtable, Burlington, ON

Summary of CAVEAT Accomplishments! cont'd



CAVEAT Office Volunteers attending and enjoying a CAVEAT Conference

CONFERENCES / ROUNDTABLES

SafetyNet Conferences 1994 & 1995

Hosted by CAVEAT, the SafetyNet Conferences were a series of forums, plenaries, and working groups which assembled Canada's leading experts in the areas of crime prevention, victims' rights and justice reform in order to draft concrete recommendations for change. SafetyNet I Conference ('94) in association with the Canadian Police Association assembled Canada's leading justice reform and community safety activists. In all, 146 recommendations were produced and presented to Parliament, providing a concrete agenda for change. SafetyNet II focused on the protection of our children and recommendations for administrative changes. Approximately 85 percent of the recommendations from these two conferences were implemented.

VISION Action Today for a Safer Tomorrow

Modeled on the earlier, nationally acclaimed SafetyNet Conference which assembled Canada's leading experts in the areas of crime prevention, victims' rights and justice reform CAVEAT, once again, successfully brought together over 60 Provincial Policy Makers to the table at our VISION Provincial Conference in Toronto. Their focus was to review recommendations that surfaced at our Youth Safety Strategies Roundtables.

Youth Safety Strategies 'Roundtables'

In anticipation of VISION, CAVEAT, in partnership with the OVC, hosted and participated in a series of roundtable discussions with over 230 delegates consisting of students, educators, police officers, school administrators, Crown Attorneys, parents, mental health professionals, probation and community workers, all of whom have a clear involvement in matters affecting youth safety. These roundtables identified a series of issues associated with young people at risk and, where possible, provided recommended solutions or strategies to address them.

Community Spirit: Keeping Kids Safe

CAVEAT, in partnership with Operation Springboard and the City of Toronto, hosted an interactive showcase designed with three major themes - maintaining safe neighbourhoods, strategies for school safety and developing partnerships and networks.

We were visited by more than 1200 inner-city Toronto students.

No *More* FEAR

National Crime Prevention Conference

This National Conference welcomed over 200 people to the Hamilton Convention Centre offering them the opportunity to hear outstanding professional speakers who addressed themes of the Impact of Victimization and Future Trends in Violent Crime Prevention. Politicians who chose this conference as a forum for their announcements were; the Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice, Honourable James Flaherty, Attorney General of Ontario and Honourable Helen Johns, Minister of Citizenship.

YOUTH CHALLENGES

Ontario and British Columbia

We have held 5 Youth Challenges in Ontario and British Columbia to educate students on violence prevention and to provide them with the tools to establish anti-violence programs within their own schools. The workshops addressed issues such as; recognizing abusive and controlling relationships, learning about your own strengths and challenges, understanding peer pressure and youth gangs, learning to deal with anger effectively.

Youth Awards

Youth Awards were presented annually to students, aged 10-19 years of age, across Canada who have been nominated by the public for their dedication to the prevention of violence through an individual act, or through involvement in a program or project aimed at helping stop violence in their community or school.



Honourable Cam Jackson, MPP (foreground) and John Muise, OVC at No More Fear



Jessie Smith, CAVEAT Volunteer, presenting Youth Awards - Youth Challenge



Blessed Trinity High School, Grimsby, ON
Walkathon, May 2000



Three Moms. Donna French, Debbie Mahaffy & Priscilla de Villiers at the CAVEAT Youth Challenge '93



A Love That Kills - Video to accompany the "Tools of Awareness" Guide



Two CAVEAT Court Supporters with French and Mahaffy Families



Sandy Atkin with a Police Office Attending CAVEAT's No More Fear

YOUTH COUNCILS

The CAVEAT Youth Councils in Niagara and Hamilton-Wentworth focus on violence prevention for youth. The councils consist of students, many of whom have been responsible for creating anti-violence groups in their own schools in the past. The Youth Council provides a voice for the silent majority of teens. It takes on youth projects of its own and contributes a very valuable youth perspective to CAVEAT's work.

Events led by our CAVEAT Youth Council

Books & Bullets: A forum on the Young Offenders Act organised by the CAVEAT Youth Council. - 1996.

An Evening with Donna French: May 1997

Stop the Violence Conference: Niagara - 1997
Hamilton-Wentworth Region - 1998

Learn Skills to Stay Safe- Stalking Workshop with CAVEAT Niagara Youth Council, St. Catharines - November 1998.

Learning to Stay Safe- Stalking Workshop organised by Hamilton-Wentworth Youth Council - April 1999.

Anti-Violence Walk Grimsby students organised an anti-violence walk to promote awareness and raise funds - 1999.

Date Rape Seminar Presented by Niagara Youth Council - April 1999.

CAVEAT Educational Videos for Youth:

A Love That Kills: Made in collaboration with the National Film Board and the Ontario Women's Directorate. The video tells the story of Monica Drake, a young woman who was involved in an abusive relationship that eventually led to her murder.

Youth Challenge: Encourages students to organize their own event.

FORUMS / WORKSHOPS

CAVEAT held forums across Canada to educate the public on victims' issues, the workings of the justice system and crime prevention. A typical forum involves a panel of experts speaking about his/her own role in the system, usually followed by a question period.

A Walk Through the Justice System Training for CAVEAT staff and volunteers - 1992

Crimes, Courts and Consequences Burlington, Ontario - Feb. 1992

Voices on Violence St. Catharines, Ontario - 1992

Crimes, Courts and Consequences Mississauga, Ontario - Jan. 1993

Justice for All - A Time for Change (The Stevenson Inquest)

North York, Ontario - September 1993

Voices on Violence Vancouver, British Columbia - October 1993

Launching of SafetyNet 1995 Hamilton, Ontario - November 1995

Crimes, Courts and Consequences in partnership with the Yellow Brick House, Toronto, ON 1995
The Victim's Awareness Training Program Correctional Services of Canada, National Parole Board and Police - 1995

A Victim's Perspective - Journey through the Justice System

The Ken Bolton Symposium - 1997

The Information Sharing Program For new recruits at the Aylmer Police Academy and Bick College - 1997

Criminal Harassment Forum

In partnership with Halton Regional Police Service we gathered a multi-disciplinary team of thirty experts from across Ontario to offer their unique perspective to the existing problems related to criminal harassment and to develop specific recommendations to effectively address their concerns. A total of 48 recommendations then were put forward to Senator Donald H. Oliver in preparation for his proposed amendments to the Criminal Code.

Criminal Harassment Workshops

These workshops proved to be a unique and vital step in raising awareness and learning effective prevention and intervention strategies with appropriate responses to harassment. Day one focused on proactive concerns and day two concentrated on reactive measures.

Impact of Victimization Workshops

The goals and objectives of these workshops were to promote awareness of the impact of violence on the individuals, their families and our communities; to increase knowledge and enhance practical skills of professionals in communication with victims of violent crime.

A Mental Health Roundtable co-hosted with The Schizophrenia Society of Ontario (SSO) FEB 1998

The goal of this roundtable was to bring together various experts to review jury recommendations from inquests into deaths in which mental illness played a major role. Objectives were to balance the right of health and decent care and the rights of the individual and society; call for adequate resourcing; recommend that changes in legislation must be accompanied by a comprehensive delivery system and to recognize there is a misuse of the current police and criminal justice systems in dealing with an increasingly criminalized mentally ill population.

Dynamic Partnership For Safe Schools Project

The Dynamic Partnership project led by Donna Mitchell, Ph.D. developed parent/staff teams which collaborated in dealing with violence at 3 elementary schools in Hamilton, Ontario.



Priscilla de Villiers, Honourary Doctor of Laws
McMaster University, 1995



Honourable Ann McLellan, Justice Minister and Jason Reynar, President
CAVEAT Youth Council



Jasmine Aujla, Past President,
CAVEAT Youth Council
Award Recipient



Dawna Speers Accepting Leo Award for "A Love that Kills"
Vancouver, BC 2000

HONOURS / AWARDS

Priscilla de Villiers, President

1997

Founders Award, Zonta Club of Burlington
Social Action Award, South African Women for Women

Community Service Appreciation Award, Cam Jackson, MPP Burlington South

1996

Meritorious Service Medal, Government of Canada

Women of Achievement Award, Canadian Hadasah-WIZO

1995

Maclean's Magazine Honour Roll, MacLean's Magazine

Honourary Doctorate of Laws, McMaster University, Hamilton

1994

One of Canada's Top 50 Female Changemakers, Chatelaine Magazine

1993

Distinguished Citizen of the Year, City of Burlington

Distinguished Citizen of the Year, Advertising & Sales Club of Hamilton

Paul Harris Fellowship, Burlington Rotary

Woman of the Year, Sigma Beta Phi

Women on the Move Newsmaker of the Year, The Toronto Sun/680 News

1992

Recognition Award, Advertising & Sales Club of Hamilton

Woman of the Year,

City of Hamilton Status of Women Sub-Committee

Awards Received by CAVEAT Volunteers

Jason Reynar, President, CYC

1999/00 Hamilton-Wentworth Youth Council

Paul Harris Fellowship, Hamilton Rotary Club

Youth Citizen of the Year for 1999, Hamilton Spectator

Jasmine Aujla, President, CYC

1998/99 Hamilton-Wentworth Youth Council

Hamilton Flare Volunteer Award

Women of the Year: Youth Lead

1995 Community Award, Crime Prevention Ontario Provincial Award, Crime Prevention Ontario

Dawna Speers, CAVEAT Board of Directors and Speaker

2000 Leo Award for Video "Love That Kills"

2000 Freddi Award for Video "Love That Kills"

CAVEAT Awards

1995

Community Award, Crime Prevention Ontario
Provincial Award, Crime Prevention Ontario

PUBLICATIONS

- Break the Silence: An Organizational Plan
- CAVEAT Report Card: The Responses to the Jury Recommendations of the Inquest into the death of Jonathan Yeo
- CAVEAT Violence Prevention Education and the CAVEAT Youth Challenge '93
- Creating a Balance: Victims of Crime in Canada
- Family Violence and Psychiatry by Priscilla de Villiers and Jonathon Pryshlakivski
- Fatal Mistakes by Kevin Marron
- The Holmolka Review and the Reform of Plea Bargaining in Canada by Alan N. Young
- Justice for All: The Past, Present and Future of Victims' Rights in Canada by Professor Alan N. Young
- Meeting Our Obligations to the Seriously Mentally Ill with Schizophrenia Society of Ontario
- Nurturing Collaboration Between Families and Schools by Dr. Donna Mitchell
- Report Card on the Implementation of the Recommendations contained in the Safety Net 1994 Final Reports
- Safety Net: Final Report (1994): a National Conference on Crime Prevention, Public Safety and Justice Reform
- Safety Net: 1995 Final Report: The Protection of our Children, a National Conference on Crime Prevention, Public Safety and Justice Reform
- Tools of Awareness: Student's Manual by Dawna Speers
- Tools of Awareness: Teacher's Manual by Dawna Speers
- Victim Awareness Training by Dawna Speers and Jessie Smith
- CAVEAT Chronicles - A history of

CAVEAT'S WORK

- CAVEAT Report a quarterly newsletter, post 1997
- STOPWATCH - A CAVEAT publication pre-1997

Papers:

- In Womens' Voices: Dealing With Violence From Awareness to Action
- Family Violence and Psychiatry: Canada and the United States; A discussion paper presented to the American Psychiatric Association

Commissioned Papers

- Justice for All: The Past, Present and Future of Victims' Rights in Canada, Professor Alan N. Young, Osgoode Hall
- The Homolka Review and the Reform of Plea Bargaining in Canada, Professor Alan N. Young, CAVEAT

Fatal Mistakes

The disturbing events that led to the murder of Nina de Villiers and a nationwide campaign against violence was written by respected crime writer and bestselling author, Kevin Marron and published by Doubleday. It provides a hard-hitting, insightful look at two disparate lives and the in)actions of authorities in the health, social and justice systems involved in the sad and needless death of Nina de Villiers.

Love That Kills

A powerful documentary that tells the tragic story of Monica

Dedicated Staff Devoted Many Hours Towards Accomplishing CAVEAT's Vision!

Most staff began as volunteers but eventually came on board dedicating so much extra time in sharing their expertise. It was a mission of love and caring for our society. This is the list of past and present staff.

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| Priscilla de Villiers | Founder and President |
| Dorothy Leonard | Co-founder and Executive Director |
| Johanne Cyr-Wright | Victim Co-ord. / Program Director |
| Diane Escott | Administrative Co-ordinator |
| Sandra Jones | Director of Communications/Development |
| Carol Niu | Bookkeeper |
| Maggie Babcock | Assistant Director of Programs |
| Luisa Ellis | Office Manager, Volunteer Co-ordinator |
| Gillian Judkins | Research Assistant |
| Wayne Hussey | Interim Executive Director |
| Lynne Powell | Administrator |
| Deborah Tower | Administrative Assistant |

Summer Staff

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|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Andrew Garven | Polly Rosenbaum | Matthew Wells |
| Andrew Bolyea | Alexis Purdham | Jasmine Aujla |
| Vicky Walzak | Amanda Crawford | Ian W. Bulmer |
| Jennifer Jones | Hannah Stott | Jason Reynar |
| Jonathan Pryshlakivski | Cameron Assing | Laura Cheney |

"A Love That Kills" & "Tools of Awareness" To Continue

On October 7, 1991, Dawna Speers received the horrifying news that her 19-year-old daughter, Monica, had been fatally stabbed. The killer was Monica's ex-boyfriend. Monica's relationship did not begin with physical violence. Very few do. It began with verbal abuse and a young man obsessed with power and control. Then it escalated to physical abuse and murder.

After the trial Dawna joined CAVEAT. She developed Monica's story so that others would learn not to walk in her footsteps. Dawna delivered Monica's message to high schools students across Canada. Several years later, in conjunction with the National Film Board and Documentary Productions, the film "A Love That Kills" was developed. The film is a powerful, double award-winning documentary that tells the tragic story of Monica. The twenty-minute film helps to identify the warning signs of relationship abuse, especially in young people, and demonstrates the damage it causes emotionally and physically. It is a catalyst for discussion and action, raised by thousands of young people, educators, police and youth advocates across the country. Dawna went on a nation-wide tour to promote "A Love That Kills". The tour was featured in every major newspaper, numerous radio talk and call-in shows, and on national and local television stations across Canada.

It is critical that all youth be given the opportunity to increase their awareness and understanding of relationship abuse and to develop positive healthy relationships. To this end we are developing the "Tools of Awareness" Resource Guide. The most effective method to pre-

sent this prevention program is to include it in established Ministry of Education and Training curriculum.

Ottawa-Carlton District School Board, Thames Valley District School Board and Burnaby School Board in B.C. will help with the guidelines to incorporate "A Love That Kills" film and the accompanying resource guide into secondary school curriculum using specific criteria from a variety of subject documents. Individual school boards and schools will have the flexibility to introduce the program as it most effectively benefits them. The partners also include police, psychologist, social workers, counselors, victim services and outside agencies. To this end we have established many a partnership throughout Canada.

Understanding and identifying the power and control issues that undermine healthy relationships are critical factors in violence prevention. With increased awareness and skills, young people will have the tools necessary to make safe and healthy choices in their relationships and to effect positive behaviour among their peers. By opening discussion and encouraging follow-up activities, their safe behaviour choices can be sustained.

Dawna feels that by working as a community team, we can make a difference; we can help our children and our grandchildren maintain positive healthy relationships.

For more information, please contact Dawna Speers at the Speers Society 905-855-7067 or e-mail her at speerssociety@sympatico.ca

Now to You - We Pass the Torch!



Dorothy Leonard
Executive Director

Coming to the end of our era, we reflect over the past decade. We have summarized our accomplishments and feel we have achieved most of our goals. We have one outstanding project, **Tools of Awareness**, which will be completed over the next year by Dawna Speers

and the Speers Society. We appreciate the financial support received from Justice Canada, NCPC (National Crime Prevention Centre), and the OWD (Ontario Women's Directorate) to assist us, through the Speers Society, with completing the **Tools of Awareness Project** over the next year. We are also grateful for the grant of \$75,000 which we received in November 2000 from the Policy Centre for Victims, (Dept. of) Justice Canada. This allowed us to continue on-going projects such as our intervention in the Supreme Court case on Child Pornography and our conference on youth violence which produced the Vision Publication: Directions from the Field (see our website). Please be assured that any surplus funds will flow through CAVEAT to the Speers Society to complete this very successful youth-oriented project. (see Page 6).

Although our offices will be vacated as of May 31, 2001, for administrative questions, our phone no. 905-632-1733 will still be in use for a short time as will our mailing address: Suite 3-164, 3350 Fairview St., Burlington L7N 3L5 and our web site www.caveat.org.

We are so grateful to all of you who have supported us over the years. There is a strong bond between our wonderful staff and volunteers who have lovingly trudged on through very emotional and trying times. Without you, we could not have accomplished our goals. To our supporters, who could see the value in what we were accomplishing and continued to help us time and time again, we applaud

you. Without you we would not have existed.

To all of the staff and volunteers of CAVEAT Alberta (which is now dormant) and CAVEAT BC, we extend our heart-felt gratitude for working so hard for your provincial communities. We know the toll it has taken on each of you. You should be proud of your accomplishments and the impact you have made on your provinces. Although CAVEAT BC will be deciding their fate shortly (please see Ben Doyle's comments), eight years of service to date is to be commended and we applaud you either way on your difficult decision.

It has been a very emotional roller coaster ride. One day we were ecstatic about a change we were able to influence, the next day we were devastated to hear yet another victim's horror story. Then again we were uplifted by our youth undertaking initiatives against violence. We were always so proud of the youth who were standing up and making a difference with their lives. To those young citizens - we salute you and encourage you to continue in your quest. You are making a difference.

When we first started the Petition we thought we would circulate it for just six weeks and then send it to Parliament. However, you had other plans for us and we were propelled by you to continue. That was nearly 10 years ago. With millions of signatures, numerous submissions, many changes realized, our history documented in the national archives, lots of wonderful partnerships and friendships created, and much love surrounding us, we accomplished so much. Thank you! We needed your love and encouragement. We are proud to have been a catalyst for many strong initiatives.

Now it is time for us to pass the torch on to others.

We must all remember that it only takes one small random act of kindness to make a huge impact on our society. "A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." Please pass it on.

Dorothy Leonard, Executive Director / Co-founder

CAVEAT BC



Ben Doyle
CAVEAT BC Chairperson

Our hearts go out to CAVEAT members coast to coast. Every person who has contributed to CAVEAT should be proud. Every effort has advanced the cause and boosted the profile of victims. CAVEAT has provided a public platform to private pain. The importance of

this alone cannot be understated.

Back in the early days, few of us had any idea what the years would bring, but I'm confident most of us are proud of achieving some key measures of success. If not today, this will become evident in the not-too-distant future. It is remarkable what ensued from Nina

de Villiers and Sian Simmonds' death and a testament to the power of people bonding together for positive change. These two young girls have touched Canadians across the country. I will always be so proud of national founder Priscilla de Villiers and BC founder Chris Simmonds for devoting so much time and energy toward the protection of the rest of society's children. Additionally, I have pure admiration for the many people who have worked to make the world a better place. I feel a great kinship with, and profound respect for, each and every one of you.

In light of the decision to close CAVEAT CANADA, the board of CAVEAT BC will decide its future within the next few weeks. We will mail a separate document to our supporters in British Columbia which will detail our plans. That document will also be available on the CAVEAT website (www.caveat.org).

2001 CAVEAT Annual General Meeting

Required by law, administrative only (not future oriented)

Notice is hereby given of the next AGM which will take place September 6, 2001 at 7:30 pm at the Locust Street Police Station, 440 Locust Street (corner Ontario Street), Burlington, ON

Please RSVP before July 31, 2001 by calling 905-632-1733

born wearing Halos

Legions of volunteers have assisted into the long wee hours of the night over and over and over again. A passionate commitment to the greater good galvanized many, taking them from the first discussions around a kitchen table, into the Senate and the Supreme Court of Canada. What travels and accomplishments!

Punctual front desk reception help is invaluable and we have many who were dedicated to this position from the beginning. Several who after enjoying their half day commitment for nine years of answering phones and keeping the staff organized, are still here and strangely enough - still enjoying it. Thank you for your cheerful telephone voice and continued efficiency. You are amazing!

To the many who contacted corporations for auction items, door prizes, raffle items and drove, picked up, organized, priced and printed the night's booklet - we give you thanks! And then to the corporations who donated their special pieces, flights, holidays, antiques, paintings - you are so special - all of you!

To those who are computer comfortable and worked at home or at the CAVEAT offices gathering data from the internet, compiling statistics, entering information into our database and enjoyed using your computer talents: boy are you good! Thank you so much.

So many of you represented CAVEAT at community events, setting up Storefronts and talking to the citizens of our neighbourhoods. How did you do all that? We needed that positive community visibility - and you were always there for hours on end - standing, smiling and talking to strangers about CAVEAT's work. How could we ever thank you enough? You forged ahead with vision of our commitment.

Driving through rain and snow storms to set up rooms for conferences taking flip charts, markers, literature, - checking and re-checking equipment at 7:00 am, only to be smiling as you registered round table attendees when they arrived and needed a coffee

you again.

To the editors who worked into the night using your skills to work the words until they sounded 'just right'. You are tireless. Then re-reading your work again to perfect the words that you, just an hour before, thought sounded 'just right'. Typing and re-typing, on electric typewriters - using white-out. How patient you were and how articulate and professional you made CAVEAT look. Coffee and more coffee until your words worked wonders.

To those who painstakingly folded, stuffed, folded, stuffed and folded once more... then licked, stamped and labeled over and over again. And then continuing on your merry way leaving the office, you volunteered to drop off some mailings to the post office and never asked to be reimbursed. Thank you! You are so gracious!

Days, weeks and months spent in court are agony, but having a CAVEAT court supporter with you made it bearable. To those CAVEAT volunteers who sat with families, thank you. Your hours of driving, sitting, holding hands and crying, getting coffee, bringing water and Kleenex, making phone calls and being there for guidance and support helped families cope a wee bit better. You are angels! You are cherished. Merci, merci beaucoup.

To those of you who have lost a member of your family to violence and agreed to talk about your pain at conferences, to attendees at round tables and to school groups, thank you. You reflected on how changes to the justice system could help other families from feeling the isolation you feel and from sharing the haunting memories which you will carry with you forever. The strength it must take for you to help CAVEAT address the wrongs and try to make them right - are unimaginable. Your thanks is that another child sleeps safely at home in the warm comfort of his or her bed tonight. Changes are being made and streets are safer because of your strength to carry on. No one can thank you enough for your help. You are irreplaceable! CAVEAT is you...all of you. Keep the faith and God bless you all!

A Special Thank You to our Sponsors who never wavered!

In 1991, it was expected that six months of work was needed, but one thing led to another and ten years passed.

The countless number of Police Officers and Police Associations which helped was overwhelming: service clubs, students and school officials, government bodies from every area, corporations, sports clubs, media who donated space and TV personalities who were happy to support 'the cause'.

Amazingly enough some special groups continued with in-kind donations weekly or monthly right from day one. How could we ever repay you for valuing our work as much as we did. Incredible!

Rob Beliveau - London Telecom / Primus, Oakville. Thank you for covering the costs of our three long distance lines for many years.

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