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## **Ontario Awards Victim Services Award of Distinction**

*Local Organization Presented Award for Outstanding Services to Victims of Crime*

### **NEWS**

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The Family Violence Project of Waterloo Region at Mosaic Counseling and Family Services received a Victim Services Award of Distinction for service providers who deliver outstanding services to victims of crime. The award was presented this morning at Queen's Park by Attorney General Chris Bentley and Kitchener Centre MPP John Milloy.

The Family Violence Project is one of nine individuals and organizations presented with this award for helping victims of crime rebuild their lives.

These awards are presented to victims of crime whose courage and dedication have raised awareness of victim's issues in Ontario, as well as to volunteers, professionals and organizations that advocate on their behalf.

### **QUOTES**

"I am pleased to congratulate Mosaic and the Family Violence Project of Waterloo Region on receiving this award. This innovative project has become a model for others across the province, country, and even globally. All of the dedicated partners should be proud of this accomplishment and their ongoing work to best support victims of domestic violence in our community."

- John Milloy, MPP for Kitchener Centre

"The accomplishments of these remarkable individuals and organizations are an inspiration to all Ontarians. They are role models for the many thousands of people across the province who dedicate their time and effort to helping victims of crime."

— Chris Bentley, Attorney General

"It is a great honour for the Family Violence Project of Waterloo Region to receive this award. For us the award is not only for the Project but an award for the community. The Project would not have been possible had there not been a community of agencies, service providers and leaders who, for decades, have continued to work and talk together to prevent domestic violence."

- Pam Mank, Family Violence Project Coordinator



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## BACKGROUND

The Family Violence Project of Waterloo Region provides an innovative model for agencies and services seeking greater collaboration and coordination in victim services. The project, which got underway in January 2006, hosts 14 agencies and services with 130 professionals, all dedicated to domestic violence intervention and prevention. Front-line workers representing government and non-government agencies work together to support and empower victims and their children, who can access a variety of services all in one place.

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