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11th Annual 'Bringing Lethbridge Home' Housing Awards announced

The City of Lethbridge and Social Housing in Action hosted the Annual Housing Awards luncheon today. Each year, award recipients are honoured and acknowledged for their significant contributions to housing and ending Homelessness in Lethbridge through excellence in leadership, innovation, and partnerships.

This luncheon provides an opportunity to formally recognize best practices in the housing sector and rewards individuals, organization, builders and/or developers, and or community partners working to address the affordable housing needs and initiatives in our efforts to end homelessness and address the lack of attainable housing needs in Lethbridge. The results of the 2016 Point in Time Count will also be released at this luncheon.

2016 Award Recipients

- ***Innovative Partnerships Award – Alberta Works***
Recognizes the value and innovation of partnerships between private, non-profit, and/or public entities to address housing needs and/or support services within our community. The winner will demonstrate a positive impact on addressing housing needs through partnerships which:
- ***Community Excellence Award – Sandra Dalton***
Recognizes housing professionals in promoting or developing affordable housing or related services. The winning entrant (individual, organization, builder, or developer) will have demonstrated an impact on people's lives and the profile and reputation of the affordable housing sector.
- ***Outstanding Leadership in Housing First – Family Ties Association/River House***
Recognizes excellence in community involvement and participation such as volunteerism, community service and building positive community relations.
- ***Special Award: Excellence in Community Impact – Dan Berdusco, Producer of “Where is Home”***
Each year we recognize the significant contributions of an individual or agency that supports people and recognizes that housing is a basic human right.

We are proud to introduce artist Brian Vielle who created the extraordinary dreamcatchers that were presented to this year's Housing Award recipients. Brian was born in Cardston, Alberta and was a day student at the St. Mary Residential School. In 2000, he began working with beads and now designs and

makes Dreamcatchers, Suncatchers, Beadworks, Medicine Circles, and he also works extensively with clay.

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