



The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture Award

Background:

The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT) is a non-profit, registered charitable organization founded in 1977 by several Toronto doctors, lawyers, educators and social service professional. The founding members saw the need for specialized counseling for the social and legal problems faced by this particular group. Lawyers, social workers and community groups saw clients who were survivors of torture, often badly in need of treatment by doctors and other health professionals. The CCVT was incorporated in 1983 as the Canadian Centre for the Investigation and Prevention of Torture. The name was changed to the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture in 1983 to better reflect the Center's mandate. The Centre was the second such facility in the world to be established. Over the years, the Centre has assisted over 12,000 clients from 99 countries.

The Trevor Bartram Award

Trevor Bartram was a founding member of the Centre and remained an integral part of its life throughout the years. As the founding member and legal advisor, Trevor undertook the tedious and unglamorous tasks that developing organization require. He wrote (rewrote) the agency's bylaws, negotiated leases, contracts and other related agreements. He served as the secretary, Chair of International Committee and member of Fundraising Committee. He was a jack-of-all-trades.

Over the years, Trevor contributed much to the organization and befriended newcomers and included his many new friends into his active social life. He traveled to Africa, Latin America & Europe attending international conferences on behalf of CCVT.

The Trevor Bartram Award will be given to individuals who have made a significant achievement in organizational development, particularly in setting up new community based organizations, consistent with the human rights mandate of CCVT. Experience in developing programs and policies, structures and success with funding initiatives.

Amina Malko Award

Amina was one of the first CCVT staff to be hired and was Office Manager for over 5 years until she moved to OCASI. Amina was an extremely hard working, tireless and committed staff member. Her particular interest was improving the lives of refugee women and she did indeed have a positive impact through her dedication and perseverance. She advocated on behalf of women refugees, worked for policy changes at the local national and international level and was a key member in organizing Refugee Rights Day.

Amina undertook to organize a conference "African Women in the Community" with CCVT funding and support, in an effort to have women's voices expressed directly.

The Amina Malko Award will be given to a woman with refugee experience who has significant experience in policy, advocacy and settlement service for newcomers.





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Youth Award:

This award will be given to a youth that has made an outstanding contribution in the area of human rights, community service and academic excellence.

Purpose of the Award:

To recognize the valuable contributions individuals make to build an equitable and just society.

To recognize those who have made a sustained and innovative contribution in the community, demonstrating leadership, initiative, perseverance and originality.

Who is eligible?

Nominees must be residents of Canada. Self-nomination will not be accepted. No person shall be awarded posthumously unless death occurs after his or her name has been selected by the advisory council. CCVT staff and Board members are not eligible.

How are recipients selected?

Recipients will be selected by a committee that will be set up by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture

When are the awards presented?

November 13, 2009

When is the deadline for nominations?

Completed nomination forms for any of the three awards will be accepted no later than November 2, 2009.

Need more information:

Additional information and nomination forms may be obtained by contacting the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture at (416) 363-1066 Ext.25 E-mail: mabai@ccvt.org



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The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture Award: Nomination Form:

Name of Nominee

Title *First Name* *Last Name*

Address

City *Province* *Postal Code*

Tel. No. *Fax No.* *E-mail*

Nominated For: _____ *Trevor Bartram Award*
_____ *Amina Malko Award*
_____ *Youth Award*

Name of Nominator

Title *First Name* *Last Name*

Organization/Business Name

Address

City *Province* *Postal Code*

Tel.No. *Fax* *E-mail*

Please include the following in your submission:

1. Description of the achievement
 - a) Describe the achievement in detail (200-500 words) including any background or related historical information
 - b) Describe what made this an outstanding achievement indicating any extraordinary circumstances or challenges the nominee faced.
 - c) Describe how this contribution has touched/improved the lives of others
 - d) Provide examples of ongoing leadership/dedication
 - e) Indicate how long you have known the nominee

- 2) Direct testimonials from individuals who have direct knowledge of the value and impact of the individuals' contribution.



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