

# GLORIA HOUSE MENTOR AWARD

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## The Gloria House Mentor Award



Gloria was a kind, loving, selfless woman who would do anything to help others. Her passion was to mentor youth and she would do whatever she could to ensure they felt appreciated, respected and most of all heard. Gloria, along with her family, believed every child deserves love, comfort, security and stability so becoming involved with the Alberta's Foster Care program was an easy decision for the House family. Gloria dedicated herself to the youth in her home and community.

In 2002 Gloria joined the Optimist Club of Blackfalds as their motto 'Friends of Youth' spoke deeply to her. It was shortly after that when the club chartered a Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) club - the Blackfalds Octagon Club and a year later the Blackfalds Youth Optimist Club, these clubs were her pride and joy. Gloria's passion for mentoring youth was infectious and she not only mentored the members of these JOOI clubs, she was a role model to the Optimist Club of Blackfalds members.

Gloria was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer in 2004. Even though the next eight years were challenging for Gloria, she made the best of her situation and created a safe place for youth to become involved in their community by fundraising for youth programs and projects in and around Blackfalds, helping with community service tasks and helping to mold our future leaders. Whenever the youth (Gloria like to call them 'her kids') attended meetings, a community event or ran into Gloria in the community; she expected each of them to present themselves through their actions and attitude.

Gloria was a fighter and always determined to embrace her time spent with the youth. She always took the time to help someone who was needing support even though she was going through on-going cancer treatments and fighting cancer every step of the way. Gloria lost the battle to Ovarian Cancer in April of 2012 - a month before her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The purpose of the Gloria House Mentor Award is to recognize an outstanding mentor in our community who demonstrates commitment to mentoring community members. The recipient will be selected through a selection process facilitated by Blackfalds Family & Community Support Services Board.

### Award Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Blackfalds or have impacted Blackfalds through volunteer efforts
- The successful recipient must be 18 years of age or older.
- Demonstrates dedication to the community.
- Provides guidance and constructive feedback while acting as a positive role model.
- Willingness to share skills, knowledge and expertise.
- Takes a personal interest in the mentoring relationship.
- Letter of Support required.

### Guidelines:

- Nominations submitted incomplete, or do not comply with criteria may be disqualified.
- Nominations cannot be submitted without the consent of the nominee.
- Nominations made by family members will not be accepted.
- By signing the nomination form, nominee agrees to the nomination process and the nominee is encouraged to attend the 2020 Volunteer Appreciation Event on April 23, 2020.
- Nominations become the property of Blackfalds Family & Community Support Services and will not be returned.

### Recipient of the Gloria House Mentor Award will receive:

- A letter of acknowledgment and appreciation
- A Certificate of Recognition
- A personalized plaque
- Their name placed on the Gloria House Mentor Award plaque at Blackfalds Family & Community Support Services office
- Nomination will be put forward to provincial recognition programs, as applicable



The Gloria House Mentor Award will be presented at the  
**2020 Volunteer Appreciation Event on April 23, 2020**

**NOMINEE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDIA CONSENT**

**I UNDERSTAND** photographs and/or video and/or audio recordings of me may be circulated widely and that, if posted on the Town of Blackfalds and other websites, they will be available to the public. I further understand that the Town of Blackfalds has no control over, and is not responsible for, the use or misuse of materials including my photograph and/or video and/or audio recordings of me.

**FOR THE PURPOSE STATED ABOVE, I CONSENT** to be photographed and/or to be video and/or audio recorded by the Town of Blackfalds or its authorized representatives.

**YES, I Consent and Allow** the Town of Blackfalds and its representatives to use, reproduce, publish, transmit, distribute, broadcast and display any photograph and/or video and/or audio recording that contains my image and/or voice along with my name in any Town of Blackfalds publication, multimedia production, video, CD-ROM, DVD, display, advertisement and/or on the municipality's website or other social media websites without further notice or my approval of finished photographs and/or video and/or audio recordings.

**Your consent is voluntary; however refusal to provide consent will result in not being considered for this award.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee Date

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**NOMINATOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Nominator Date

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## Nomination Deadline: March 1, 2020

1. Please list the nominee's volunteer involvement in the community. If you need extra space, use additional pieces of paper.

Description of mentorship programs and/or activities. You may recognize the many forms that mentorship can take	Other evidence of mentoring achievements	Approximate # volunteer hours over the past year	Number of years involved with organization
(Example: Coach of the Blackfalds Atom Hockey Team)	(2006 Coach of the Year)	(120 hours)	(10 years)

2. In 400 words or fewer, tell us what stands out about this nominee that makes their nomination rise above the others and inspired your nomination. Please include how the nominee is willing to share his/her skills, knowledge and expertise. As well, describe how the nominee provides guidance and constructive feedback while acting as a positive role model and taking a personal interest in the mentoring relationship.

This paragraph will be used at the Abbey Master Builder Centre display prior to the event and at the awards night. Please limit the amount of personal information you share: if you refer to someone other than the nominee in the write up about the nominee, please do not include personal information that can identify the third party.

3. Letter of Support (this letter can come from an individual or organization who has been positively impacted by the Mentor. This could include the mentee, parent or family member of the mentee, etc)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this nomination form

**Is your nomination complete? Before submitting**

- I have read Award Criteria and Guidelines
- Nomination form completed;
- Nomination form signed by the nominee and nominator;
- Nominee has given permission for media consent;
- Attached detailed paragraph (answer to question #2)
- Attached Letter of Support

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**Fax, email or deliver nomination form and attachments to:**

Cara Kroetsch  
FCSS Volunteer Programmer  
Town of Blackfalds FCSS Office  
Box 220, 5016 Waghorn St | Blackfalds, AB | T0M 0J0  
Fax: 403.885.0011  
[volunteers@blackfalds.com](mailto:volunteers@blackfalds.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Cara at 403.885.6360

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