



## Media Advisory

March 8, 2017

### **Homeward Trust Recognizes Outstanding Organizations & People in Housing**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ROOPH Awards take place Thursday, March 9 at the Westin Hotel Ballroom. The luncheon celebrates the people and organizations who are making a difference with affordable housing initiatives and ending homelessness in Edmonton. Media are invited to attend.

#### **Award Finalists:**

##### **Larry Shaben Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Housing Sector:**

Greg Dewling, Capital Region Housing Corporation  
David French, Homeless Supports Initiative, Alberta Community and Social Services  
Bob McKeon, Social Justice Coordinator retired, Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

##### **ROOPH Awards (5 will be presented):**

Christopher's Place, George Spady Society  
Community Bridge Program, Bissell Centre  
Renee Fairley, Westwood Manor, the Mustard Seed  
Free Pop-up Street Store, Op: Help the Less Fortunate  
Homeless on Public Lands Initiative  
Hope Terrace, Bissell Centre  
Suzanne Kassian, Project Manager, Youth Housing First

Councillor Scott McKeen, City of Edmonton  
Cheryl Meyer, DiverseCity Housing  
Susan Morrissey, Edmonton Social Planning Council  
Mosaic Centre Staff & Volunteers  
SAFQEY  
YEG Youth Connect 2016  
Youth Residential Services, Edmonton John Howard Society

#### **2017 ROOPH Awards**

**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2017

**Time:** 11:15 am to 1:30 pm

**Place:** Westin Hotel Ballroom

Running Thunder Dancers perform at 11:45 am

Program begins at noon.

Award presentations start at 12:40 pm

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*Homeward Trust is a community based organization that provides leadership and resources toward ending homelessness in Edmonton. We fulfill our mandate by leading initiatives and programs, engaging community stakeholders and partners, conducting research, creating awareness, and funding housing and support projects.*