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WCDSB Announces 2015 *Community Partner Award* Recipient

Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council a Vital Community Resource Since 1997

Waterloo Region, ON – The students, staff and trustees of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools proudly congratulate the ***Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council*** – 2015 recipient of the ***WCDSB Community Partner Award***.

The award has been presented since 2001 at the WCDSB's annual ***Appreciation Night*** in recognition of outstanding contributions made to Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools by a community partner or agency serving the students, staff and greater community of Waterloo Region.

QuickFacts

- ✓ The Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council (WRSPC) is a non-profit, voluntary council comprised of 16 representatives from Waterloo Region. The WRSPC strives to maintain equal representation from professionals/organizations dealing directly with suicidal behavior, associated professionals (faith community, teachers) and the community (family, friends and individuals affected by suicide).
- ✓ The Council promotes a community wide strategy to reduce the incidence of suicidal behavior through public awareness, education, skill development, and public health advocacy. The Council strives to reduce the impact of suicidal behavior through the improvement of services, collection of local statistical data and through community consultation, co-ordination, and collaboration.
- ✓ Nearly 4,000 Canadians die each year by suicide, an average of 10 suicides per day. Suicide is one of the leading causes of premature death in Canada and Canadians are about seven times more likely to die from suicide than to be the victim of a homicide.
- ✓ Suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth.

Quotes

"The council members are so honoured and thrilled to be receiving this award. We value our strong relationship with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and feel privileged to be publically recognized in this way".

~~ ***Tana Nash, Executive Director: WRSPC***

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Related Links

[Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council](#)

[WCDSB Mental Health & Wellness Website](#)

[Past Community Partner Award Recipients \(2001 to 2014\)](#)

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