



Native Women's Association of Canada

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NWAC Digital Life Stories

March 3, 2014 (OTTAWA) - The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is pleased to announce the release of four new digital life stories, the last in a series of seven, created through the Evidence to Action II project, funded by the Status of Women Canada. These seven digital life stories are in addition to the eleven life stories developed during the Sisters in Spirit initiative that ended in 2010.

The seven digital life stories are based on the family members' experiences in relation to the justice system, the media, victim services and other support services as they sought and continue to seek justice for their missing or murdered loved one. The digital life stories are a moving tribute to the lives of these women, and serve to raise public awareness, influence positive change and potentially lead to tips that may resolve any outstanding case(s).

"These digital life stories are powerful messages that speak to the tragedy of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada" said NWAC President Michèle Audette. "Not only do they honour the lives of these women and girls, they are an effective tool to educate and inspire the kind of social change in Canada that is required to keep all people safe, and especially those who are most vulnerable and at risk of this kind of violence."

The NWAC Violence Prevention and Safety department through the Evidence to Action II project has been honoured to work with families of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. The NWAC would like to thank the families of Ada Brown, Hilary Bonnell, Maisy Odjick, Claudette Osborne-Tyo, Evangeline Billy, Gladys Simon and Virginia Pictou-Noyes for participating in the digital life storytelling project.

To view all seven of the Digital Life stories, please visit our website at <http://www.nwac.ca/life-stories>.

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