

## FACELESS DOLLS PROJECT - "Each statistic tells a story"

NWAC remains committed to the issue of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. For years staff have been traveling the country to raise awareness of this epidemic and the impact it is having on all First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities. Thousands of Canadians have participated in these Community Engagement Workshops from coast-to coast-to coast.



As part of our commitment to the issue, NWAC discussed the need for a hands-on project. Our hope was to visually and physically create a representation of the 582 known cases of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls (*What Their Stories Tell Us: Research findings from the Sisters In Spirit initiative, 2010*).

NWAC contacted artist Gloria Larocque, creator of the "Aboriginal Angel Doll Project" to explore the possibility of a similar project that would carry forward the visual representation of strong and beautiful Aboriginal women who have become 'faceless' victims of crime. This collaboration resulted in NWAC's Faceless Doll Project, called "each statistic tells a story." The dolls created through this new project will be used to create a traveling art exhibit in memory of the more than 600 missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada.

Each and every time a statistic is used to explain the marginalization of Aboriginal women and girls in Canada, NWAC wishes to remind all Canadians that:

"We remember that a beautiful Aboriginal woman is represented by every number shared, that each statistic tells a story."

If you are interested in hosting a Community Engagement Workshop in your city, please contact NWAC.

**"NWAC's Faceless Doll Project:" A collection faceless felt dolls that will be used to create a travelling art exhibit in memory of the more than 600 missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada.**

As word of the NWAC Faceless Doll Project spread, NWAC received requests from families, community members, teachers and allies to continue making Faceless Dolls. We are

grateful and humbled that organizations and individuals are making their own Faceless dolls in tribute and in solidarity. NWAC asks that you contact us so we can properly thank everyone that contributes to the legacy of the NWAC Faceless Doll Project as well as track the 'ripple effect' of this inspiring project.



To connect with someone at NWAC about the NWAC Faceless Dolls Project and receive advice on how to create your own Faceless Dolls please call 1-800-461-4043.