JANICE ANDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

The family and friends of Janice Anderson have established an endowment fund of $10,000 to provide bursary support in the Faculty of Social Work. Janice was in the final year of her Bachelor of Social Work degree, with a particular interest in working with children, at the time of her death in 2004. Beginning in 2006, a bursary valued at the available annual interest will be offered to a student who:

(1) is enrolled full-time in the third or fourth year of study in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba;

(2) has achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0;

(3) demonstrates an interest in the areas of family violence or child abuse;

(4) demonstrates extracurricular involvement or volunteerism with the Métis community or has future career goals connected to the Métis community.

In a given year, if there is no eligible candidate who meets the fourth criterion, the award may be offered to any other eligible candidate.

The selection committee will be named by the Dean of the Faculty of Social Work.

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Background Information:

Janice Anderson was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. From the time she was a young child, she had a passion for people. Warm and outgoing, she was able to light up the room wherever she went. As a young woman with an interest in working with children and underserved populations, she enrolled and graduated with honours in 2001 from Red River Community Collegiate, obtaining a Youth and Child Care Worker Certificate. She continued on this path and was in her final year of obtaining a Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Manitoba, when she passed away suddenly in 2004.

Janice spent six years at Oakenwald School as a Special Needs Teacher Assistant. She loved children and took great pride in contributing to their educational progress. She also spent many years working at several group homes for MacDonald Youth Services. In her most recent role, she worked with Family Services and Housing, and had just completed her six-month volunteer training with Women’s Health Clinic.

Janice always went above and beyond in her effort to help children. She related especially to people in crisis, and with long-term aspirations to work at Child and Family Services and was looking forward to starting a job as a Crisis Counsellor with Women’s Health Clinic.

Janice always managed to put a smile on people’s faces and went out of her way to make people feel special. Among her diverse interest and talents, Janice enjoyed photography and used it to create unique photo albums of, and for, the children she worked with. She also developed a keen interest in her Aboriginal heritage and started to explore various aspects of her native culture and traditions, with hopes of incorporating her Métis background into her work.