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**terra**  
Centre for pregnant  
& parenting teens

## Promising Futures

The sixth annual Promising Futures fundraising breakfast was Wednesday, April 28 at The Westin Edmonton. Terra youth leadership ambassadors greeted guests and were an important focus of the morning program. Ambassador teen moms Samantha Wipf and Amanda Boser shared their inspirational stories with the approximately 500 people at the early morning event. K97 radio host Rob Berg was an excellent emcee!

More than \$175,000.00 in pledges, donations and sponsorships was received. There were 234 one time donations and 11 individuals joined as new Promising Futures club members. Members of Promising Futures commit to a minimum \$1,000.00 a year pledge for five years. The funds received from the breakfast event help support approximately 600 young families each year through our core services of community outreach, resources for the Child & Family Support Centre and programs for young dads.



*Ambassador Speaker Samantha Wipf and her daughter April at Promising Futures.*

*Photo Credit: Jessica Smith Photography*

## Ambassador Speaks at Calgary Conference

Terra youth leadership ambassador Jessica was a panelist at the recent CAPSLE conference in Calgary, "Poor No More". She spoke about her personal experiences of poverty and educational struggles to 300 teachers, professors and lawyers. The audience was very inspired and applauded loudly when Jessica announced her plans to attend the University of Alberta for nursing.

## Request for Volunteers

Contact Terra if you are interested in these volunteer opportunities:

- Drivers for donation pick-ups
- Food preparation for groups
- Bingo workers

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*Mayor Mandel, Terra Board Chair Sylvia Nasser, Reza Nasser (Promising Futures naming sponsor Landmark Group of Builders)*

*Photo Credit: Jessica Smith Photography*



## Annual General Meeting and Awards Night 2010

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and awards night was March 24 at the Edmonton Petroleum Club. There were 117 supporters, volunteers, clients, staff and board members at the event. The evening was also a celebration and thank you to individuals and organizations which support Terra. Special guest Mrs. Marie Stelmach brought greetings and presented six volunteer awards. We appreciate the hours of time volunteers give and the donations from organizations which help us enhance our programs.

Terra youth leadership ambassadors played an important role in the evening activities. They greeted guests, emceed and spoke as part of the program.



Mrs. Marie Stelmach and Ambassador of the Year Dana Johnston  
Photo Credit: Jeff Ligtvoet

## Awards Presentation

### Board Service Recognition Awards – Retiring Board Member

*Meghan DeRoo McConnan (5 years service)*

### Community Awards

Spirit Award

*Brian Layton Infant Formula Program (BLIFP)*

Many Hands Award

*Ellerslie Road Baptist Church*

Heart and Hands Award

*REALTORS® Community Foundation*

Heart of the Community Award

*Edmonton Community Foundation*

### Volunteer Awards

Child & Family Support Centre

*Judi Stratichuk*

Program Support

*Sharon Flanagan*

Alumni of the Year

*Amanda Babichuk*

New Friend Award

*John McLaughlin*

*Bryan Smith - Bluetrain Inc.*

Ambassador of the Year

*Dana Johnston*