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WINGS of Providence executive director honoured as a Distinguished Alumni

Edmonton—MacEwan University is proud to announce that Patricia Garrett, who graduated from the Social Service Worker program in 1976, has been named a Distinguished Alumni.

Since 1989, Garrett has been the executive director of WINGS of Providence, a housing agency and program that provides support for women and children who have experienced family violence. Under her leadership, WINGS recently expanded and built a $6.5 million, housing apartment building. This building, the Home Next Door, provides low-cost housing units for women and children.

Garrett was instrumental in guiding the development of WINGS through its early days in a 12-suite apartment building to the major agency it is today. In 2003, she led the development of a new building that includes a six-month intensive program providing housing, safety and support for 20 families. Over the past two years, she led the development of the Home Next Door, where 29 families can live for two years while they become independent. To date, WINGS has served 980 families and 2,300 children.

Garrett has been a member of MacEwan University’s Social Work Advisory Committee for the past three years, and consistently provides ongoing learning opportunities for MacEwan University social work students to complete their field placements.

About the award

The Distinguished Alumni award is granted to individuals who exhibit outstanding achievements or make significant contributions in one or more of the following areas: service to the community, business, the arts, human development, the environment, lifelong learning, post-secondary education, and/or government

Garrett will receive her Distinguished Alumni award at the Spring Convocation ceremonies.

When: Thursday, June 19
Where: Francis Winspear Centre for Music
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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