



women's resource centre



Message from the Women's Resource Centre

This *Our Voices*

ship abound and yet you only have to drop by the WRC to see examples of transformational female leadership where women—whether volunteers, staff or users of the centre—demonstrate their passion to motivate others to realize our common vision of gender equality and healthy community through capacity building, peer support and mentorship.

Despite the barriers women continue to face globally in their ability to access leadership positions across all sectors and industries—in the public sphere as well as their own communities and families—we are

abilities and to support other women in realizing their leadership potential. At the WRC, we are excited to showcase three amazing women leaders this Fall 2008. Kerrie Moore, recipient of our *2008 Distinguished Alumna Award*; Anna Zadunayski, recipient of our *2008 Distinguished Student Award*; and Amanda Calkins, dedicated volunteer and recipient of the *2008 Sheila O'Brien Award for Excellence in Women's Leadership*. Each has overcome incredible challenges and used these experiences as an opportunity to demonstrate inspirational leadership. They come from distinct backgrounds and yet their stories weave common threads of wisdom, resilience and compassion that serve to empower each of us to believe in ourselves.

If women are to continue to increase their leadership opportunities, then mentorship is essential. The WRC *Women Guiding Women* program pairs female students in the last phase of their studies with women leaders in the community in mentoring relationships and supportive networking circles. With our program doubling in size from 2007, this year's participants are passionate about creating positive social change and are working together to develop future women leaders. Participant testimonials speak to the power of women supporting women across generations, cultures, and industries.

seek out a mentor or mentor another woman, and to develop leader-

practiced and learned by both men and women. Our world will be a better place under their leadership.

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RECOMMENDED READING:

Women's Ways of Knowing: The Development of Self, Voice, and Mind by Belenky, M.F., Clinchy, B.M., Goldberger, N.R., & Tarule, J.M. (1997).

Through the Labyrinth by Alice H. Eagly and Linda L. Carli (2007)

In a Different Voice: Psychological Theory and Women's Development by Carol Gilligan (1982).

The Female Advantage: Women's Ways of Leadership by Sally Hegelson, (1995).

The Web of Inclusion by Sally Hegelson (1995).

Women and Leadership: The State of Play and Strategies for Change, by Barbara Kellerman and Deborah L. Rhode (2007)

Women and Leadership: Transforming Visions and Diverse Voices by Jean Lau Chin, Bernice Lott, Joy Rice, and Janis Sanchez-Hucles (2007)

Finding Our Way: Leadership for an Uncertain Time by Margaret J. Wheatley (2007)



