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ARPA Recognizes Lindamarie Gossen of Calgary for Outstanding Contributions to Recreation and Parks in Alberta

(Edmonton, AB) The Alberta Recreation and Parks Association takes great pride in recognizing Lindamarie Gossen with the 2004 AABRD Undergraduate Scholarship Award! This outstanding individual has made amazing contributions to improving the quality of life of Albertans through recreation and parks services.

As the recipient of the 2004 AABRD Legacy Undergraduate Scholarship, Lindamarie Gossen has proven her dedication to her community and to persons with disabilities. As a mother of two autistic sons, a special needs foster daughter, as well as operating a consulting business to aid families with children who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder she has proven her dedication to aiding persons with disabilities. She is currently completing her third year at Mount Royal College, working on her degree in rehabilitation for the University of Calgary.

Lindamarie has proven her commitment to academics by maintaining a 3.5 GPA and accelerating her studies by completing two years worth of course work in one year. In the 2003 and 2004 academic year she was a member of the Disability Studies Student Society, a volunteer mentor, and a leader in the Christmas fundraiser. She also sits on the Academic Council as well as the Program Policy Committee. She is a voice in the student community and has helped better student life at Mount Royal College.

Lindamarie has been an avid volunteer and community member as well. She has chosen to allocate her spare time to volunteering in the Opening Gaits Therapeutic Riding Society, Autism Calgary Society, North Haven Community Association, Scouts Canada, and Cambrian Heights Elementary School.

Lindamarie's past, present and future commitment to persons with disabilities in her community has proven her worthy as the recipient of the 2004 AABRD Legacy Undergraduate Scholarship.

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