

Kim Clare Memorial Award for Volunteerism at Legal Help Centre of Winnipeg, Inc.

The Kim Clare award is offered each year to a third year student who is graduating from Robson Hall's JD Program who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the values of Legal Help Centre of Winnipeg Inc. ("LHC") and Access to Justice over the course of their academic career. Candidates must have worked at LHC in a volunteer capacity and/or as a summer student and/or as a student intern/extern. Students may have worked at LHC at any stage of their program.

To be eligible for the award students must be nominated through application by a colleague or professor. Self-nominations will also be accepted. Completed application forms must be sent via email to LHC's Executive Director, Paula Hamilton, at paula@legalhelpcentre.ca. Applications are accepted until early April each year.

The successful candidate will be selected by a committee made up of representatives of the funder of the award, LHC Board of Directors and the Law Faculty at Robson Hall. The award will be presented in the spring.

About Kim Clare

Kim began her career as a Lecturer at the University of Manitoba in 1983 in the Inner City Social Work Program and became Director and Associate Professor in 1993, holding that position until her death in February, 2014.

In addition to teaching and advising thousands of undergraduate and graduate students in the Inner-city and MSW programs, Kim was an exceptional community activist in Winnipeg's inner city. She was the chair of the Makoonsag Intergenerational Child Care Centre, and a Member of Advisory/Steering Committee of the Aboriginal Visioning for the North end. She recognized that access to the legal system was the right of all citizens but also knew that access was often denied to individuals because of the cost of legal representation. Kim was involved in the planning and development of Legal Help Centre from its early days, was a strong advocate for inter disciplinary practice and understood the benefit of different perspectives in problem solving. She was a director of the Legal Help Centre when it was established and chaired the Community Outreach Committee until early 2013.

Above all, Kim was an understated, dedicated and highly competent professional, researcher and teacher. She gave generously of her time and her knowledge to individuals and the community as a whole. She was compassionate and understanding but also brought her very high standards to everything she did. Perhaps most importantly, she had the ability to inspire others to achieve beyond their own expectations.

