



SSBAM April Eve P. Wiberg - MINI BIOGRAPHY 2018

April Eve Wiberg is an advocate, survivor and founding member of the Stolen Sisters & Brothers Awareness Movement (SSBAM), a 100% grassroots movement raising awareness on the national epidemic of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Men and Boys (MMIWGMB). Formerly named the Stolen Sisters Awareness Movement, the Stolen Sisters Awareness Walks were created in May 2007 to support families and survivors and to raise international awareness to the disproportionate number of missing and murdered Métis, Inuit, Non Status and First Nations Women and Girls in Canada.

Ms. Wiberg is an Edmontonian and member of the Mikisew Cree First Nation whose traditional territory covers a large portion of Northeastern Alberta (*Treaty 8*) however Ms. Wiberg spent the first 15 years of her life in rural southern Saskatchewan. It was there at a very young age she learnt how to survive in a society that did not conceal its racism towards Indigenous people. She comes from a large blended bi-racial family of 4 brothers and 3 sisters. April Eve is an intergenerational survivor of the residential school system and in her lifetime has overcome addiction, racism, homelessness, abuse and exploitation.

A committed, hardworking and passionate human rights advocate and volunteer, April Eve is actively involved in her community and supports events such as the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women's annual Esquao Awards, the October 4th Sisters in Spirit Vigils (*a national event led by the Native Women's Association of Canada*) other social justice and human rights initiatives.

Ms. Wiberg is a proud working mom and currently and serves as a volunteer board member for the Aboriginal Women's Professional Association (AWPA) whose vision is to support and promote Indigenous women. She is a humble recipient of the Aboriginal Commission On Human Rights & Justice's Social Justice Award (2012), Daughters Day Award (2013), Rotary Integrity Award (2017), Global Woman of Vision Award (2017) and Esquao Award (2018).

Ms. Wiberg continues to strive at breaking the cycle of poverty and violence, committing herself to being a strong voice against sexual exploitation, racism and human rights abuses.

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