

## 2022 Bev Boyden Heart for Justice Scholarship \$500.00

**Submission Deadline:** February 28 , 2023

**Scholarship Award:** Scholarship recipient will be notified directly on or before **Friday, March 17, 2023**

Bev was actively involved with the AAPP as a member and a Director on the Board, constantly rising to the challenges and taking to task the recognition of the legal support profession by degrees of education, knowledge and experience. She was a resilient campaigner for access to justice and shared her experience to bring awareness to the fundamental importance of the roles that paralegals and legal support provided to the practice of law. She believed that law should be accessible to everyone and not just those with money to spare.

Bev started her legal career after graduating from [Red Deer College](#) (now Red Deer Polytechnic) in 1979, in the Law Clerk Program. She would then spend the next 40 plus years in the industry as a respected paralegal. Driven by her desire to leave the world better than she found it, Bev would seek out opportunities to support those around her and in her community. Her empathy knew no bounds, she was passionate about supporting women in need, funding affordable housing, and making law and justice accessible to all.

Her philanthropy efforts extended to affordable housing when her daughter was assigned a "Pay it Forward" school project, an assignment to plan and carry out an idea that would make a difference to the environment or community. Having been close to a single parent family that had experienced homelessness, Bev and her daughter were inspired to make a difference by addressing the lack of affordable housing in Calgary. As a single parent herself, Bev knew the challenges that separated families could face and she was determined to create something that would have a lasting impact. Using her paralegal knowledge and organizational abilities, Bev set up the Heartprints – KIDS for a Cause Foundation, incorporating it in March of 2008.

### Eligibility Requirements

A single parent <sup>1</sup> student who meets the requirements outlined below is encouraged to apply for consideration:

- Be a part-time or full-time student in a legal assistant or paralegal program.
- Not be an immediate family member of any current sitting Board member of the AAPP

<sup>1</sup> Single parent means a parent who lives with a child /children and does not have a live-partner or spouse to assist in the residence and in the support or upbringing of the child/children

## Selection Criteria

This award recognizes the student who “shine their light” by contributing to their communities through voluntary endeavors to promote access to justice, poverty reduction and/or family support.

A community clean up project, assistance at a shelter for vulnerable persons, programs at your children’s school, children’s extracurricular activities, and any general acts of kindness— something that makes a difference.

## Your Efforts to support access to justice, poverty reduction, or family support in one’s community

We want you to:

- Describe a time when you went above and beyond to Pay it Forward to improve your community through volunteer work or any other means of philanthropy; OR
- Explain your understanding of access to justice and ways in which you have, or imagine you will, improve access to justice in your career; OR
- Describe how being a parent, or single parent, has changed or inspired the way you move through the world and empathize with those around you.

Please prepare and upload one of the following with your application form:

- A one-page written summary of your experience; or
- A series of photos (3-5) with 1-2 sentence descriptions for each photo; or
- A 1– 5 minute video

Please direct your questions and applications to: [scholarship@alberta-paralegal.com](mailto:scholarship@alberta-paralegal.com)

*“I am an open and worthy woman, inspiring others to shine their light” - Bev’s Life mission*



Bev Boyden & her daughter Tamara

*“That’s who you were Bev. Determined. Committed. Always there to help out. Always willing to do what ever was needed to make a difference. To do one thing every day to make the world a better place.” -*

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