

Eighth annual award honors six real-life heroines

2011 HARLEQUIN MORE THAN WORDS AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

TORONTO, FEBRUARY 9, 2011 – Now in its eighth year, Harlequin More Than Words honors ordinary women for their extraordinary commitment to women and the causes most dear to them. Harlequin Enterprises is proud to highlight the work of this year's recipients and the charitable and nonprofit organizations they support.

Each year, Harlequin Enterprises selects three women to receive the Harlequin More Than Words award from hundreds of nominations solicited from readers and the general public. Each recipient receives \$15,000 to advance the work of her charity, and three of Harlequin's bestselling authors donate their time and talent to write novellas inspired by the life and work of the recipients. The novellas will be available in ebook format to download at no cost in spring 2012.

2011 Award Winners

Mary Byberg is a volunteer and former Executive Board member at **Nellie's Women's Shelter**. Nellie's Women's Shelter operates programs and services for women and children in Ontario, Canada, who have or are experiencing oppressions such as violence, poverty and homelessness. Learn more at <http://www.nellies.org/>.

Co-recipients **Berni, Lexi, Marni and Romi Barta** founded **Kid Flicks** in Los Angeles, California, to solicit and collect new and used DVDs to donate to pediatric departments and children's hospitals throughout the United States. The DVDs help distract children from pain and make long hours in the hospital more bearable. Learn more at <http://www.kidflicks.org/>.

Donna Fischer is a volunteer program coordinator for **Casting for Recovery** in Gilbert, Arizona. Casting for Recovery is dedicated to supporting and educating women who have or have had breast cancer by providing healing retreats with fly-fishing in the curriculum. The gentle casting motion is therapeutic and the natural environment fosters well-being. Learn more at castingforrecovery.org.

More information about Harlequin's 2011 More Than Words award recipients and their charities will be available at www.HarlequinMoreThanWords.com in the spring.

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