



## Youth Restorative Action Project – MEDIA RELEASE

*2008 Government of Alberta Solicitor General Crime Prevention Award  
2004 Government of Canada, Ron Wiebe Award – Restorative Justice  
2004 Royal Commonwealth Award, Gold Medal Winner International, Georgetown, Guyana  
2004 City of Edmonton Youth Council, Community Organization Promoting Youth Award  
2004 RISE Award in Recognizing Immigrant success and Endeavors “Youth Group Category”  
2004 Royal Commonwealth Award, Canadian Recipient, ‘Outstanding Youth Program’  
2003 City of Edmonton Youth Council, Youth Investment Award ‘Growth Award’*

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**Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP and the Youth Restorative Action Project presents**

**The 3rd Annual RestorAction Charity Gala: Urban Fusion**

**Hosted by Mayor Mandel and Lynn Mandel**

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - The Youth Restorative Action Project (YRAP) and Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP presents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual RestorAction Charity Gala: Urban Fusion, a formal launch of the Edmonton Urban Games 2010. YRAP is the first committee of its kind mandated to work, in Youth Court, with Young People who have caused harm as a result of racism, intolerance, and significant social issues. In addition, YRAP is the worlds only Youth Justice Committee made up entirely of youth members (ages 15-24) all of whom come from diverse ethnic, social and economic backgrounds, and share a common wish to make a positive impact for their community.

“YRAP is an example of youth empowerment; in that youth have a fundamental right to participate fully within the justice system, not merely as recipients, but also as advocates and conveyers of justice” Mark Cherrington, YRAP Advisor

The RestorAction Charity event will be hosted by Mayor Stephen Mandel and his wife and Honorary Chair Mrs Lynn Mandel on October 25, 2008 at the Edmonton Sutton Place Hotel. The Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier of Alberta, and Mrs. Stelmach will be in attendance. The Charity Gala will feature a live auction, Jazz and Hip Hop performances by youth, keynote address and a youth rights documentary. There will also be an official live musical post-event party at the Rouge Lounge in Edmonton featuring youth musical talents.

“Today there are many challenges that youth crimes present to our city and YRAP has made a significant difference in how we deal with both our youth and crime. The Urban Fusion Charity Gala is an exciting event to not only raise needed funds for YRAP's sustainability but also to raise awareness of the important role that YRAP plays in our justice system.” Mayor Stephen Mandel

The funds raised from this event will be delegated to YRAP to allow sustainability of administration and mentorship for our youth clients and used to help young offenders and at risk youth grow and develop in a positive and enriching manner. The main aims of this program is to direct youth away from negative or criminal activities and focus their time on alternative and positive social activities and become contributing members of society.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Danisha Bhaloo, YRAP Gala Vice-Chairperson at 780.993.6474 or [danisha.bhaloo@gmail.com](mailto:danisha.bhaloo@gmail.com).