



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada announces its 2013 Media Awards winners**

*Awards honour Canadian journalists for exemplary work covering child sexual abuse*

WINNIPEG, MB – Strong, in-depth reporting on the realities for children who have been sexually victimized is prominently featured in the winners of Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada Media Awards.

The child rights advocacy organization has been honouring journalists for their coverage of child sexual exploitation and related issues since 2002.

“Incisive, no-holds-barred reporting helps to inform, break down stigma, and in turn inspires change in how society treats the victims and perpetrators of child sexual exploitation,” says Bev Wiebe, chair of the Media Awards.

The winners will receive their awards at a ceremony on Monday, November 18, 2013, at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The 2013 Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada Media Awards winners are as follows:

**English Print:** Steffanie Petroni, [\*The Story of a Child Prostitute\*](#), local2.ca. A young Canadian woman gives a heartbreakingly candid account of her descent into addiction and prostitution.

**French Print:** Isabelle Hachey, [\*Grand Prix: adolescentes en péril\*](#) and [\*Tourisme sexuel à Montréal: une fille comme une pizza\*](#), La Presse. Sex tourism is alive and well in Montréal, and teens are especially vulnerable to exploitation during major events like the Grand Prix.

**English Electronic:** Victor Malarek and Litsa Sourtzis, [\*The Throwaway Children\*](#), CTV W5. Former residents of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children have brought forward allegations of terrible abuse suffered at the hands of staff at the facility.

**French Electronic:** Johanne Bonneau and Johanne Faucher, [\*Des victimes parfaites\*](#), Radio-Canada - Enquête. Former students of the Montreal Institute for the Deaf speak out about the alleged sexual abuse and exploitation they suffered at the hands of the Clerics of Saint Viator.

**English Integrated Media:** Julian Sher, Robert Cribb, Jennifer Quinn and Juan Tamayo, [\*The Ugly Canadians: Child Sex Tourism\*](#), Toronto Star and El Nuevo Herald. An extensive investigation in Cuba and Canada shows that much more needs to be done to stop Canadian sex offenders from traveling to victimize children.

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**About Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada**

*Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada is a national non-profit organization advancing the rights of children everywhere to be free from sexual abuse and exploitation. It is the Canadian representative of [ECPAT International](#), a global network of more than 81 groups in 74 countries, and the Canadian representative for the [Code of Conduct](#) for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism. [www.beyondborders.org](http://www.beyondborders.org)*

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