

Silent Witness Project

The Silent Witnesses are memorials to women who have been killed by their intimate partners. These bold, simple silhouettes stand quietly as powerful reminders of the impact of Domestic Violence. Each silhouette tells the story of an Albertan who has lost her life at the hands of her partner.

The Witnesses tour to public awareness events around the province, and encounter profound responses from the community; people move through the exhibit, and emerge with a new perspective on the realities of Domestic Violence.

The Silent Witness Project began as a US national initiative to commemorate and honour women killed in acts of domestic violence. In 1990, an ad hoc group of women artists and writers, upset about the growing number of women in Minnesota being murdered by their partners, joined with women from other women's organizations to form The Arts Action Against Domestic Violence.

ACWS has been engaged in the Silent Witness initiative since 2004; our collection currently tells the stories of 11 women, one child, and one man.