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Rainbow Refugee, Circle of Courage Receives the 2021 Ivor Carvalho Award

October 27, 2021 – The Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) would like to congratulate Rainbow Refugee, Circle of Courage on being named the 2021 Ivor Carvalho Award recipient for its longstanding commitment to LGBTQ2 refugees.

CAPIC Chair Avni Marfatia: "Rainbow Refugee, Circle of Courage is a worthy recipient of this distinguished honour. The organization's dedication to equality and its ongoing work with LGBTQ2 refugees, serves as an example of the very best of Canadian values."

The Ivor Carvalho Award is given annually to an individual or organization that strives to change the system in the best interests of immigrants. The award was established in 2013 to honour Ivor Carvalho, who was a CAPIC member and heavily involved in the organization's lobbying efforts. An eloquent writer, a dedicated activist, and the epitome of Canadian values, his life was tragically cut short in 2012.

Circle of Courage Representative Gerhard Maynard: "On behalf of Rainbow Refugee and the Circle of Courage, it is an immense privilege to receive this honour. Nobody should be forced to flee their home for being who they are or loving who they love. It is especially meaningful that we are being honored with this award for helping an LGBTIQ+ woman, Namudda, reunite with her children and we are immensely grateful for CAPIC's efforts to help continue this support."

Rainbow Refugee, Circle of Courage will receive the 2021 Ivor Carvalho Award at CAPIC's National Citizenship and Immigration Conference (NCIC) gala dinner on October 28, 2021. To learn more about how you can help Namudda and her family contact circleofcourage@googlegroups.com. To donate, please visit <http://www.rainbowrefugee.com/donate>.

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