



Keeping Concordia's Alumni & Friends Connected & Informed

CONCORDIA
University College of Alberta

Alumni Profile: Zosia Whittaker

CONCORDIA
ALUMNI WEEK

February 23 - 25 2010

2nd
annual
**benefit
concert**

February 23 2010 - 7:00pm

TUESDAY, FEB. 23RD, 2010

Benefit Concert

Concordia Campus Auditorium

**Tickets: \$25 in support of student
scholarships and bursaries**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24TH, 2010

Student for a Day

You are invited to return to Concordia's campus and sit in on a former favourite class or visit a favourite professor lecture.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25TH, 2010

Breakfast & Campus Tour

Concordia Campus Cafeteria

Join us for an early bird breakfast before heading off to work and take in a tour of the campus.

To register for any of the above events, please contact Kate O'Gorman, Alumni Relations at 780-479-9232 or email:

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Concordia's alumni are well known for their social consciousness. Many former students have gone on to make a profound difference within their communities through their commitment to volunteerism and through their passion for creating a better world. Alumna Zosia Whittaker is no different. Since graduating from Concordia's Applied Psychology program in

2004, she has dedicated her energy to helping children.

Zosia's undergraduate studies at Concordia prepared her to continue her education in Montreal where she received her Masters of Social Work from McGill in 2008. "I was introduced to a particular Family Therapist working at McGill through my field-experience facilitator at Concordia and I was lucky enough to mentor under her while I studied for my Masters. Concordia was instrumental in preparing me for graduate studies at McGill."

While completing her M.S.W, Zosia's field placement in the Oncology department at the Montreal Children's Hospital turned her on to working with children with life threatening illnesses. "I fell in love with that type of work in every way possible! My experience is that people who work in that kind of environment actually focus more on life and not death. I also learned a lot about myself through that experience." And those lessons would help her in the months ahead as she and her husband embarked on the experience of a lifetime.

In October 2008, Zosia and her husband travelled to South Africa where they volunteered with World Vision. For eight months, they lived and worked in a rural village called Bergville near Johannesburg. She worked with a child-development program that specialized in the psychological care and advocacy of orphans and HIV positive children. As Zosia says, "it was a life-altering experience!"

Today, Zosia is the manager of the Children's Hospice Program at Pilgrim's Hospice in Edmonton where she is continuing to make a difference in her home community. She is also currently supervising a Concordia student who is going through their own Applied Psychology field-experience at the Hospice. So, the cycle of mentorship continues and it is clear that Zosia is well equipped for the job.



The Concordia Alumni Association pres
the 2nd Annual

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DATE!!!

benefit concert

FEBRUARY

23rd, 2010 - 7:00pm

MATT

day musical humourist

KRISTILYN

robertson singer/songwriter

TICKETS

\$25 in support of scholarships & bursaries

Concordia Auditorium
7128 Ada Boulevard - Edmonton, AB

Tickets available on campus at
the Book Store, Student Accounts, or call Kate @ 780-479-9232