

ACSO Lunch October 25th Congratulations to Arman Abrahamzadeh

SI Adelaide wishes to congratulate Arman Abrahamzadeh on being awarded the Allan Sloan Young Citizen Community Service Award for 2015.

Arman was nominated by SI Adelaide because of his commitment to raising awareness of domestic violence and issues which face women who leave violent relationships. Since the death of his mother Zahra in March 2010, Arman has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of domestic violence issues. He has been involved in a range of events and forums, including SA Police Senior Officer seminars, which discuss men's behaviour, violence in the home and workplace, and abusive, unhealthy relationships.

He speaks regularly at SA Police Domestic Violence cadet training and attends regular workshops and forums at schools, universities, sporting and service clubs.

Every appearance brings domestic violence out into the public domain for discussion.

2015 has seen Arman, his sisters and other stakeholders within the domestic violence sector, establish The Zahra Foundation Australia, to honour the memory of their mother. This not-for-profit organization, with community and corporate support, assists women in crisis, across all of South Australia and also empowers them with an educational and financial literacy skills program. This program has been designed to skill women enabling them to re enter the workforce and to personally rebuild their lives and the lives of their children.

As a young man, Arman Abrahamzadeh has demonstrated outstanding, ongoing leadership and commitment to resolving domestic violence, through tackling it at the crisis end and through advocating the primary prevention campaign through his White Ribbon Ambassadorship.

All of his work is voluntary.

He is a member of the Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast Committee and a board member for Educating to End Violence Inc., a not for profit organization, educating to promote the prevention of harmful behaviour.

Arman also enjoys giving back to the community through his local Rotary club.

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