



## JASPREET GILL

### Advocacy & Social Justice

Jaspreet Gill, Executive Director of York Region Center for Community Safety (YRCCS), is not afraid to take a chance, especially when it means creating meaningful change.

After hearing countless first-hand stories of abuse from the young women she taught, she made the life-altering decision to leave a successful post-secondary teaching career to support women fleeing violence. Jaspreet quickly made her mark in the field, ascending to the role of Program Manager at the York Region Center for Community Safety. Still, Jaspreet's biggest role in the organization was yet to come.

Citing funding difficulties, in 2019 the Centre's Governance Committee made the choice to shrink the center's programs drastically. In response, Jaspreet led the intrepid move to register it as an independent non-profit organization, making it the only service delivery hub of its kind in York Region—a single access point of programs for those impacted by intimate partner violence and sexual violence. Jaspreet's boldness and perseverance have

meant that despite funding cuts, women in York Region facing intimate partner violence still have a place to go when they need help.

Jaspreet is also a fearless advocate and educator, speaking out wherever possible on issues related to intimate partner and gender-based violence. The depth and breadth of her knowledge as well as her trauma-informed methodology have made Jaspreet a trusted educator for non-violence against women services, including York Regional Police, about the importance of addressing gender-based violence.

Jaspreet continues to grow her impact in the community, expanding the York Region Center for Community Safety's services and collaborating with critical organizations, ensuring no woman in York Region will have to flee violence alone.

Recently, YRCCS launched the #NotAllLoveIsSafe campaign to bring greater understanding to the stigma of intimate partner violence.

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