



## About Leah Parsons



For survivors of sexual abuse, grief can be paralyzing. Rehtaeh Parsons experienced this first-hand: she was only 17 years old when she died by suicide after being gang raped and cyber-abused. Her mother, Leah, also had to deal with debilitating grief after her daughter's death. Not only was she learning to cope with an unbearable loss – at the same time, she had to be a voice for her daughter as her story unfolded in headlines all over the world.

Leah has since dedicated herself to helping other people navigate this trauma. She founded the Rehtaeh Parsons Society in honour of her daughter and offers workshops and presentations on topics like sexual violence, cyber abuse, mental health, suicide awareness, grief and healing. She's spoken at TedXThunderBay, met with heads of state, been a guest on the Dr. Phil Show (among many other media appearances), and has continued to be a voice for her daughter throughout her efforts to raise awareness.

By undertaking this journey, Leah has learned to face life's challenges with a new outlook, equipped with the tools for resilience, forgiveness and understanding. Leah travelled from a place of grief to a place of grace, and at this year's Little Warriors luncheon, she'll bring her inspiring message of hope and courage to everyone in attendance.

**April 29, 2020 11:30-1:30 pm**  
**Edmonton Convention Centre**

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## Program Features

### **The Culinary Offering**

The accomplished chefs will prepare your delectable three-course luncheon presentation including appetizer, entrée and dessert.

### **A Powerful Experience**

Although every event is unique, our keynote speakers over the years have had something in common – the courage to tell their story and a fierce passion to help survivors of child sexual abuse. Leah Parsons is an inspiring advocate of the awareness, education and prevention of sexualized violence and cyber-abuse who will share her inspiring keynote address.

### **Our Heartfelt Cause**

We'll share information and updates about the Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch. You'll hear how the Ranch helps survivors of child sexual abuse grow into healthy adults.

## Why Support the Be Brave Luncheon?

Every single dollar generously donated at the 2020 Be Brave Luncheon will go directly to fund treatment programs for children at the Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch. Little Warriors receives no government funding and so, as a charitable organization, the Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch relies on the kindness of donors to allow our work to continue.





# Who Attends?

This community event brings together over 800 professionals, community leaders, supporters and members of the media.

To see photos from last year's event, view the Little Warriors 7th Annual Be Brave Luncheon album on the Little Warriors' **Facebook page**.

## How Your Involvement Benefits the Community:

- Allows the vital work of Little Warriors and the Be Brave Ranch to continue
- Helps protect the well being of our community's most vulnerable young people
- Your involvement also helps your business gain valuable exposure
- Enhances your company's image as a community-minded organization
- Spreads awareness of your brand among an audience of key business and community leaders



## Why Sponsor this Event?

By becoming involved as a sponsor, you show other Edmonton leaders you are willing to protect and support survivors of child sexual abuse – the true little warriors of society.

## More Information

For more information or to secure your sponsorship or attendance at the event visit [littlewarriors.ca](http://littlewarriors.ca) or email [shannon@littlewarriors.ca](mailto:shannon@littlewarriors.ca)

