



## About Jeeti Pooni



**Jeeti Pooni broke her silence of being sexually abused as a young child. For Pooni, and every survivor who came before her and follows after her, breaking her silence was an act of both bravery and self-love. By shedding the veil of silence that for so many years draped Jeeti, her family and her community in darkness, Jeeti became an advocate not just for herself, but for survivors of sexual abuse around the world.**

**October 28, 2022  
11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

**Edmonton  
Convention Centre**

Telling her story wasn't easy. By opening up about the sexual abuse she suffered as a child, Jeeti also opened herself up to scrutiny and judgement. The long tried sexual assault court case that followed played out over the course of 14 years. Jeeti persevered through every step of the arduous criminal justice journey and when the case finally reached a monumental guilty verdict which inevitably was stayed, Jeeti chose to find strength in her new purpose.

Today, Jeeti advocates for change of the criminal justice system. She continues to provide a voice for the voiceless and inspire others through her work as a motivational public speaker and through her art as an author and filmmaker.

In Jeeti's book, *The Silent Stoning*, she shares her story of childhood sexual abuse, rape and how she survived through the horror and confusion of it all. Her documentary film *Because We Are Girls* (produced by the National Film Board of Canada), shares the impact sexual abuse has had on the lives of Jeeti, the Pooni Sisters and her family, while unmasking the social and cultural beliefs that hinder girls and women.

At this year's Little Warriors luncheon, Jeeti will bring her inspiring message of perseverance, resilience and bravery to everyone in attendance.

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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. Jeeti Pooni is herself both a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and a ceaseless voice for the voiceless. Jeeti has dedicated her adult life to raising awareness for all survivors, encouraging them to shed the stigma of sexual abuse. Jeeti will share her story of survival and resilience and talk about her work as a successful author and filmmaker in an 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 2022 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 past events, visit 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)

