

## NCRA Special programming award – producer bio and program description

### Producer bio

Krista Harper is the local news director at CILU, where she hosts The Scoop, a daily local news magazine show. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Oregon and has worked at LU Radio in Thunder Bay, Ontario since the fall of 2012.

### Program description

Produced for this year's Homelessness Marathon, "Addiction, Homelessness and Independence" tells the story of some of the residents of a managed alcohol program in Thunder Bay, most notably long-time resident Molly.

Krista first met Molly during a live broadcast from Shelter House Thunder Bay during the 2013 Homelessness Marathon. Some of the content in this special segment comes from that first interview. Since that first meeting, Molly has made progress in Shelter House's Kwae Kii Win managed alcohol program, reducing her alcohol intake dramatically and reconnecting with family members she had lost contact with long ago. She is ready to move out on her own, but supports outside the program are inadequate. There is a long wait list for Thunder Bay's social housing and so far, no private landlords have been willing to rent to Molly.

For the 2014 Homelessness Marathon, Krista got back in touch with Molly and incorporated clips from last year with new material to paint a picture of one person's struggle with addiction and housing issues.

The selected clip features 2014 interviews with Molly and with Susan (a supervisor at Kwae Kii Win).