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## Two AIDS movement activists recognized by HEU-sponsored award

Two community activists have been recognized for their outstanding achievements working in the B.C. AIDS movement. Micheal Vonn, Policy Director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and Jennifer Evin Jones, head of the advocacy department for the B.C. Persons with Aids Society were this year's recipients of the HEU-sponsored Social, Political and Community Action award at the 9th Annual AccolAIDS fundraising gala on April 18.

"It was truly an honour for our union to once again support the event," said Victor Elkins, HEU's 1st vice president who attended the awards. "This year's AccolAIDS awards ceremony was a record-breaking event, raising over \$105,000."

Vonn has tirelessly worked to protect the personal health information of HIV positive individuals through the Right to Privacy Campaign and BC's Big Op Out awareness campaign against centralized electronic health data (or eHealth).

Evin Jones has been instrumental in the challenge to provincial disability policy and legislation which resulted in an increase in supplemental income for many people living with HIV/AIDS.

Benefiting the B.C. Persons with AIDS Society (BCPWA), the AccolAIDS awards are designed to recognize community groups, organizations and individuals for initiatives and achievements that advance the HIV/AIDS movement in British Columbia.

This is HEU's seventh consecutive year sponsoring the Social, Political and Community Action award.

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