

# Civil Courage Society

In honour of Wallenberg and Sugihara

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**What is civil courage?** – It is a person’s decision to act against unjust laws, norms or conventions – despite serious risk to himself or herself – in order to improve or save the lives of others.

**We honour past examples of civil courage** – We take our inspiration from Raoul Wallenberg and Chiune Sugihara, diplomats who risked everything to save thousands of Jews during World War II. These people, and others like them, are a testament to the power and impact of firm resistance to injustice.

**We recognize civil courage in today’s world** – It will never be easy for people to oppose injustice and cruelty when it is entrenched politically or socially. Current examples remind us that we can nurture our own inherent moral strength, by learning from people who exhibit civil courage.

**The WSCCS mission** – is to inspire people to act with courage and live their values, helping others who suffer under injustice or oppression...

***Raoul Wallenberg Day** – The Wallenberg-Sugihara Civil Courage Society organizes a yearly Raoul Wallenberg Day event – held since 2006. The event includes talks and films about civil courage. We present the Civil Courage Award to a living individual associated with BC who at significant personal risk has acted courageously to assist others.*

***Civil Courage Award** – We are seeking nominations for potential award recipients – full criteria are at [www.wscs.ca/award-criteria](http://www.wscs.ca/award-criteria).*