

Biography



Former Calgary news anchor Barb Higgins was born in Edmonton, Alberta on September 21, 1962. After graduation from Ross Sheppard High School, Barb enrolled in Business Administration at NAIT. Following 2 years of study in Business Administration, she transferred to Radio and Television Arts at NAIT. Barb worked in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan with both CBC and CTV affiliates. She moved to Calgary in March of 1989. For 21 years she was the primary writer, co-producer and co-anchor of the CTV Calgary 6 p.m. newscast. Barb held a senior role in researching and writing the news, and she played a key role in leadership. The CTV 6 p.m. news is Calgary's "most watched newscast" and Barb and co-anchor Darrel Janz have been named Calgary's most trusted news personalities.

Barb's accomplishments in journalism include:

- Documentary "Running on Empty" – winner of the 'Best of Festival' at CanPro, and 'Most Inspirational' at the Alberta Motion Picture Industry Association;
- Documentary "Charity: What's in it for me?", explores why people give, or don't give, to charities;
- 3-part series on Calgary firefighter Greg McDougal's battle with the Workers Compensation Board. The series won 'Best News Series' from the Radio and Television News Directors Association.

Barb's community involvement include:

- 2007 co-chair of the United Way, themed: "For a city to be great, it must be great for everyone."
- United Way Communications Committee, 2008 – present;
- UNICEF Patrons Council, 2008 – present;
- Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations, Communications Committee 2009 – present;
- Previous service on the Calgary Hospice Board of Directors;
- Previous co-chair of the "Beauty and the Beast Gala" which raised money for Hospice Calgary.

Barb has also continued her education through courses at the University of Calgary in Small Business and Successful Negotiation. Apart from all these accomplishments, Barb has given her time freely to thousands of charitable events for literally hundreds of charitable organizations, schools and groups. Barb Higgins announced that she was running for Mayor on July 28, 2010.