

Summary of Dr Rozycki's Background

Living for 15 years in refugee camps of war torn Europe had a profound impact on Dr Rozycki's outlook on life:

- Growing up without a home or possessions, he learned that all his family had was each other.
- Learned that people are really not that different, regardless of race, color or creed.
- Learned that cooperation was required to rebuild not only communities, but entire countries.
- It was here he met one of his role models, Father Kubica, who was the parish priest for almost all of his refugee years. This priest who never seemed to tire, always smiled and was never too busy to help, gave him frequent encouragement by saying, "Anything can be done, if we stop and care for one another."

Volunteer Background

- Coached children and teens
- Managed bands and choirs
- Volunteered for WIN House
- Spearheaded a battered women's shelter in Sherwood Park
- Spearheaded a seniors' housing project
- Founded six different not-for-profit organizations in the greater Edmonton area to help children, youth and adults in need.

Academic Background

- Graduate of the Universities of Alberta and Saskatchewan, holds four university degrees BA, BEd, MEd and PhD.

Awards

- Numerous Merit awards from the Knights of Columbus for charitable and community work.
- Sherwood Park Citizen of the Year Award – for spearheading the building of Sherwood Park's Women Shelter.
- Pride of Strathcona Award – for outstanding community work in Strathcona County.
- Canadian Red Cross Award of Merit
- Sports, Cultural and Recreation awards
- Academic honors
- Governor General's Commemorative Award for the 125th Anniversary of Confederation—in recognition of outstanding community work.

Asked why he gets involved, Dr Rozycki simply states, *"It's my turn to lend a hand. When my family lived in refugee camps, we received a lot of help. We never stopped to think why someone out there was helping us. It just seemed natural."*