



## LOVE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

By Lorna Dueck, host of "Listen Up"

I'm always curious about what's the "difference maker" in people's stories. When it comes to love, *Listen Up* has been learning that persistence is part of the package in applying love to the wounds of our land. Last month we challenged viewers to be Canadians who create hope, and we heard from some wonderful examples of people who do exactly that.

Catherine Williams Jones of New Opportunities for Women in Kelowna, British Columbia, told us how she helps prostitutes reform their lives, and it was clear that she knew much about persistence. Two

years ago, one of her clients walked out and left a seven-year-old daughter abandoned at Catherine's shelter. Since that traumatic night, this precious girl has been part of Catherine's family and the paperwork on her adoption is almost complete. That's the kind of love that makes a difference – it's sacrificial and persistent. This Valentine month, the best story in the news world would be if we could all learn to add sacrifice and persistence to the challenges we face in order to love.

For more on Catherine and other Canadians who have made a difference with love, check out "Canadians Creating Hope" at: [www.listenuptv.com](http://www.listenuptv.com) &