

# Sovereign's 83rd Birthday Honours List

Awards bestowed by HRH Prince Leonard on the  
occasion of His 83rd Birthday!  
*Twenty Seventh day of August 2008*

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## Red Cross of Hutt



*The Red Cross of Hutt is a parallel organisation to the International Red Cross and the Red Crescent. Headed by Royal Patron and Chair of the Board of Directors, HRH Princess Shirley, the Red Cross of Hutt Charitable Trust seeks to alleviate the plight of the most needy in our society through donations from ordinary people like yourself. It is also used as the supreme recognition of the charitable works of people from all over the world in all sorts of areas and endeavours that are carried out with the care of others utmost in mind. Those honoured with being presented with this award have truly served the care for others well.*

### Brigadier-General. Sir Edward Rupert, KRO

(U.S.A.)

*Awarded the Red Cross of Hutt for exemplary and selfless dedication to the welfare and safety of domestic violence sufferers.  
Sir Edward Rupert, and his wife Joanne, have been working to build a new women's shelter near Denver, Colorado to honour Michelle Young, who was killed by her husband who then took his own life. This is a large effort that has involved much fund raising. Building a multi-million dollar facility like this takes time, but progress is being made. A 5.5 acre parcel in Loveland Colorado has been located and a site*

*inspection was completed on July 24, 2007 with the Crossroads Safehouse Board of Directors (which includes Michelle Young's Father and Step-mother, Lady Joanne Rupert, and Sir Edward).*

*Currently, Sir Edward is in the process of negotiating with a local businessman for the donation of a building originally built as a nursing facility, that will house over 75 women and children for up to 6 weeks. This donation to Operation Michelle has a value of over US\$3,500,000 and will dramatically accelerate the speed with which the new safe-house can be opened and operational.*

### **Colonel Sir William Speir, KRO**

**(U.S.A.)**

*Sir William is Adjutant of The First North American Royal Hutt River Guards and Chief, Royal Hutt River Artillery. He has spent countless hours in organization, as well as spearheading humanitarian actions such as the Hurricane Katrina relief and Operation Michelle, the project to which both he and Brigadier-General Sir Edward Rupert have donated large amounts of personal time and efforts in order to assist and improve the plight of domestic violence sufferers, an on-going task.*

*He is to be commended for his selfless care for others.*