About RWMC
Rural Women Making Change (RWMC) was a Community University Research Alliance (CURA) funded from 2004-2010 by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The six year program supported rural women’s ‘projects for change’ in the many settings of their living and working.

Eight research teams engaged partners and collaborators in three areas of research:
• Rural women's organizations’ day to day work: Rural women's organizations reflect rural women's everyday issues to the numerous institutions and policies that directly and indirectly affect their work and the lives of rural women.
• Rural women’s and girls’ everyday experience: In their everyday living and working; rural women and girls experience difficulties with jobs and opportunities, un- and underemployment, education and training, transportation, and a variety of governing and corporate business practices that affect them.
• Gender and rural policy in trans-local arenas: Policies and ways of representing and analyzing rural issues frequently fail to incorporate just how policies and implementation practices operate; as a result fail to identify how to change policies and procedures so that they recognize and support women. RWMC addressed issues of gender and rural policy across local, provincial, national and international levels.

Team
The dynamic and accomplished group of community members, academics, graduate students and policymakers, came from across Canada. The multi-disciplinary team was also comprised of dedicated scholars and graduate students from several universities, who have made significant contributions to both academia and the broader community.

Overall Goals/Objectives
• To engage rural women’s organizations, academics and policy-makers, in a process of identifying and mapping the institutional processes that affect rural women's everyday, in order to strengthen their knowledge and capacities for effective action;
• To assemble a body of ethnographic knowledge on rural women's organizations and policies that affect them; contribute to scholarly work on everyday practices that concern women in rural communities;
• To consolidate existing community, scholarly research and new knowledge and make it accessible to those interested in it and who can use it in multiple sites.

Resources
Research highlights and details can be found at: www.rwmc.uoguelph.ca/