The 43rd Provincial
Volunteer Awards
Ceremony & Luncheon

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Westin Nova Scotian Hotel
Commonwealth Ballroom A & B
Halifax, Nova Scotia
The Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage is pleased to host the Provincial Volunteer Awards and congratulates all of the 2017 award recipients.
Lieutenant Governor’s Message

As Her Majesty’s representative in Nova Scotia, it is my great pleasure and honour to welcome you to the 43rd Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Luncheon.

During the course of my duties as Lieutenant Governor, I meet Nova Scotians from all walks of life who give their time and resources in service to others. I am always impressed at how people selflessly and unquestioningly devote themselves to a cause, and in many cases, multiple causes. In a world where there are so many demands on our time, it is truly extraordinary that Nova Scotians reach out to those less fortunate who need our help. Without question, many programs and activities would not come to fruition if it were not for the thousands of volunteers who work quietly in the background. It is this work that contributes to making Nova Scotia one of the best places to live.

Today is an opportunity to recognize and salute those who volunteer and to collectively express our thanks and appreciation for all that they do. On behalf of the Queen and all Nova Scotians, I offer my sincere gratitude and best wishes to the volunteers who we honour today and to all the volunteers across the province who contribute to the well-being of our communities.

Brigadier-General The Hon. J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret’d)
Lieutenant Governor
Premier’s Message

On behalf of the province of Nova Scotia, I am proud to once again congratulate and thank Nova Scotia’s volunteers who give selflessly throughout the year. Today is your day to be recognized with the 2017 Provincial Volunteer Awards.

Volunteers give their time, energy and ideas to work that is close to their hearts. Most importantly, they help the most vulnerable in our society through mentoring, coaching, and many other important services.

Volunteering helps to make Nova Scotia a better place to live.

I want to take this opportunity to give my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those receiving an award today—and to the countless others who contribute to their communities every day. You embody the very best of what Nova Scotia has to offer.

Sincerely,

Honourable Stephen McNeil, M.L.A.
Premier
Welcome to the 43rd Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony. It is my pleasure to celebrate this year’s volunteer award recipients. You have been selected by your community to represent the hundreds of thousands of volunteers that make our communities healthy, connected and vibrant.

We are fortunate in Nova Scotia to have such a strong tradition of volunteering and helping one another. Our communities have been strengthened by volunteers throughout our province’s history; this is something we cannot take for granted.

The act of volunteering, whether it is by serving as a team coach, firefighter, as a board chair, or simply checking in on a neighbour, has significant impact on the lives of many Nova Scotians. Today’s ceremony is our way of saying, "Thank you".

Today’s annual awards ceremony is an important kick-off to National Volunteer Week. From April 23 to the 29, Nova Scotian and Canadian communities host local volunteer celebrations through luncheons, receptions and awards. I encourage everyone to take a moment to thank the volunteers in your organization and community, as well as the families who support the work of our volunteers.

A heart-felt thank you to this year’s volunteer award recipients. Your dedication and efforts are deeply appreciated and felt by all Nova Scotians.

Sincerely,

Tony Ince
Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage
Program

Emcee: Joel Jacobson - Freelance journalist

11:00am RECEPTION

11:30am OPENING REMARKS & LUNCHEON

Entrée: Slow Roasted Porkloin with Maple & Cider Glaze, Herb Mashed Potatoes served with Medley of Vegetables

Dessert: Apple Crisp served with Starbucks Coffee and Tazo Teas

1:00pm–3:00pm AWARD CEREMONY

Presented by His Honour Brigadier-General
The Honourable J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret’d)
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia,
The Honourable Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia, and
The Honourable Tony Ince, Minister of Communities,
Culture & Heritage

Family Volunteer Award
Youth Volunteer Award
Volunteer Representative Awards

3:00pm FAREWELL REMARKS
2017 Family Volunteer Award

THE MULOCK FAMILY
LaHave

The six-member Mulock family has served significant time in senior leadership roles in the LaHave and District Fire Department. Brothers Michael and Edward have served the Department for almost half of a century each, along with their spouses, and two sons.

Mike and Eddy joined the fire service in 1971. During their 46 years with the Department they’ve both served as members, chiefs, and senior officers. They’ve managed day-to-day administration of the Department, held primary responsibilities for training, maintenance, and fostering a sense of camaraderie within the junior members of the Department. They’ve also both served as the public face of the Department for many years.

Virginia (Mike’s wife) and Cathy (Eddy’s wife) Mulock are founding members of the Auxiliary with continuous service over the years. The Auxiliary has helped raise funds for equipment, operations, training, and maintenance. Without this support from the Auxiliary the LaHave and District Fire Department would not be as confident, competent, and as well recognized throughout the region as it is today.

Over the years the Department and Auxiliary has been the Mulock’s extended family. Mike and Virginia’s boys, Jonathan and Darren, practically grew up at the station and were helping out from a young age. As they got older they became members too. Now Jonathan is the current fire chief of the Department and has served for 27 years in total with them. Darren also served as a firefighter and officer for 22 years with the Department. He has continued the tradition of leadership in this family by recently becoming the fire chief of the Northfield District Fire Department, a neighbouring community in Lunenburg County.

The Mulock family has had a huge impact on the delivery of fire services to the LaHave and District area. Over the years, their Department has evolved into a fiscally responsible, well-equipped and well-trained force due in large part to the efforts of this family.

The Mulock family is an exceptional volunteer family because of the length of their service to their community, the leadership that they have demonstrated during this time, and their willingness to devote countless hours of their personal time to ensuring the viability and effectiveness of their fire department. I think it would be difficult to find a family who has contributed more fire chiefs and senior members to the same service organizations such as theirs.
2017 Youth Volunteer Award

RYAN RUTLEDGE  
Dartmouth

Ryan's passion is working with young people to provide them with opportunities for self-development and to encourage them to recognize the value of good citizenship. His work with youth through the Boys and Girls Club's Torch Club leadership group and as the leader of their Keystone Club Leadership group allows Ryan to mentor youth and be a role model through his own volunteering. He enjoys sharing his knowledge and skills with young people and to help those who are less privileged. He is a strong advocate and voice for children's rights, opportunities, and successes.

Ryan's depth and range of volunteerism for a young man in his early 20s is impressive and inspiring. He started volunteering at the age of five when he was a club member at the Cole Harbour Boys and Girls Club and learned the importance of giving back to his community. Since then he has contributed to his community in numerous ways. Ryan volunteers at Colonel John Stuart Elementary School on the Parent Teacher Association, the School Advisory Committee, and as a breakfast program volunteer. He also volunteers as a chaperone at Humper Park Elementary School, on a local Youth Engagement Committee, as committee chair of Global Tours helping students transition to high school for the last seven years, and as a member of the Cole Harbour and Area Business Association. Ryan is also an active member of the Kinsmen Club; having grown his involvement from member, to registrar, to secretary over the last three years.

Ryan has brought energy and leadership to the many groups he volunteers with and is seen as a channel to facilitate youth engagement in the community. He is well respected in the community by all age groups and highly knowledgeable about the community's needs. Ryan is an excellent communicator and works hard to bring people together to make change happen.
2017 Representative Volunteers

South Shore Region

PETER CHARLES OICKLE
Town of Bridgewater

Peter uses the management and leadership skills he developed throughout his career in education to promote and support the Town of Bridgewater in its vision to re-vitalize the downtown and to promote the area as a place to live, visit, and enjoy. He is the chair of the Downtown Planning Advisory Committee which oversees the Take Back the Riverbank Project, a member of the Facade Improvement Society, Chair of the town’s annual Garden Party, various positions with St. Paul’s Lutheran Church for many years, and has also served as regional representative on Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia.

He is also passionate about promoting and sharing Bridgewater’s history. For the last eight years he has led both the Bridgewater Museum Commission and the Bridgewater Heritage Advisory Committee. He leads guided historic walks through the Brookside Cemetery and other areas of historic significance in Bridgewater. Peter truly makes Bridgewater a better place to live.

NORMAN AMIRAULT
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth

Norman is a very humble man and is the true definition of a volunteer as he has volunteered his entire life.

Norman is an active longtime volunteer with the Yarmouth Fire Department, dedicating 50 years to them. For 49 years he has been a member of the St. Ambrose Choir, and for the last 13 years he has helped with Meals on Wheels. In his younger years he volunteered for 10 years as a 4-H leader and as a volunteer actor with The Yarmouth Arts Regional Council’s Playhouse and Arts Centre. For the last 30 years Norman has also regularly plowed out residents of Chegoggin in the winter, when snow becomes a problem.
RACHELLE D’ENTREMONT
Town of Yarmouth

Rachelle is a dedicated volunteer who passionately enjoys giving back. She is a founding member and advocate of 100+ Women of Yarmouth County Who Care, helping raise over $100,000 for charities in the County. For the past four years, she has been a regular at the Yarmouth Central School Breakfast Program. She joined the Yarmouth Rotary Club five years ago, and is an active contributor; including Meals on Wheels, Membership Chair and numerous ongoing fundraisers.

For the past two years she was an instrumental member on the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Committee. For two years she has been an in-school mentor through the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. Her professional knowledge and desire to give back have made her a sought-after keynote speaker for various organizations & groups.

Generosity is home grown, her parents are active volunteers and taught Rachelle by example. In 2015, her father was recognized at the Volunteer Banquet for the Municipality of Argyle.

VICTORIA ANNE HUSKILSON (POSTHUMOUS)
Town of Lockeport

Victoria’s life was suddenly cut short at the age of 57 last December when she and her husband Mac lost their lives in a tragic car accident. It is therefore with heavy hearts that the Town of Lockeport posthumously acknowledges the myriad of contributions she made to the community.

Victoria or Vicki, as she was known by friends, was an amazing woman full of good ideas and always ready to do her part to turn ideas into action. During her 20 years living in Lockeport she provided assistance to a wide range of committees for the Town, served as project manager for community-based grant projects, and consistently advocated for cultural services including the local library and Harmony Bazaar Festival of Women & Song.

Vicki also served as a member and chair for Lockeport’s annual July 1st celebrations and after leaving the planning committee, she and her husband continued to serve the festival for many years by coordinating the annual Antique Car Parade.

At the time of her passing, Victoria served as warden of Christ Church, chairperson of the Lockeport Loop Business Association, Shelburne County Arts Council, Shelburne County Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Rally Point Retreat, board member and past president of the Ragged Islands Historical Society, member of the Coastal Oldies Car Club, Y.O.L.O. Relay for Life Committee, and the Economic Development & Planning Advisory Committee for the Town.

The Town of Lockeport thanks you Vicki. You are, and will continue to be, missed.
ALISSA GETSON

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Alissa has been volunteering for 26 years. Over that time she has provided pet therapy at LaHave Manor, worked with Souls Harbour Rescue Mission, and currently serves as an advocate at Evergreen House. Alissa is particularly excited about her recent efforts in the revival of Long Lake Camp. She is on the Board of Directors, serves as the registrar, and is the primary fundraiser for the organization. For the camp, Alissa is creating dolls that will be sold to replenish The Ali Fund, a memorial fund used to purchase fun and engaging activities for campers in memory of Ali Cameron.

Beyond that she has been a Brownie leader and has sat on various committees with the Belmead Preschool, Douglas Baptist Church, and Pleasantville Baptist Church-Vacation Bible School.

SHELDON BELL

Town of Clark’s Harbour

Sheldon is a trusted and reliable pillar of his community. Although not always visible in his volunteer activities he has been quietly contributing for the last 47 years. He is a past member of the Barrington Kinsmen Club (1970-1980), acting as treasurer for eight of those years. He has worked closely with the Cape Sable Island New Horizons Senior Group for the last nine years as a member of their building committee and as director of the fundraising committee for seven years; he is now vice-president. Another organization he has dedicated countless hours to is the United Baptist Stone Church. For the last 10 years he has been a choir member and for the last eight years, their treasurer.

DON WEAGLE

Municipality of Chester

Don is passionate about basketball and giving kids a chance to play and learn. He started volunteering as a basketball coach 11 years ago through the Steve Nash Program. Since then he has mentored, coached, and lead basketball at Chester Municipal Recreation & Parks Department, Chester Area Middle School, Forest Heights Community School, South Shore Minor Basketball Association, and St. Margaret’s Bay Minor Basketball Association.

Don prides himself in giving boys and girls their first opportunity to play basketball, improve, and develop a passion for the game. In addition to his coaching, over the past four years Don has organized 3-on-3 basketball tournaments. These have raised more than $16,000 for the Municipality of Chester PRO Kids, an organization that helps give children from low-income families a chance to play.
ELIZA POWELL
*Municipality of the District of Barrington*

Eliza has volunteered for many years. She started when her children were young by becoming involved in various activities in the community, including the guiding movement, the local recreation department, and school.

Curling is a big part of Eliza’s life - a sport she has been involved with for many years. She is a founding member of the Barrington Regional Curling Club where she has contributed many volunteer hours to grow the sport in her community. She ran a membership recruitment drive, coaches school team(s), works at spiels, plays in leagues, promotes the club, and helps at fundraisers. Eliza has even mowed the lawn at the Club.

She has also tutored students over the years and has been involved in the past with her church, teaching Sunday school and cleaning. She is also very proud to have canvassed for the Nova Scotia Heart & Stroke Foundation for 18 years and sell daffodils for the Nova Scotia Cancer Society for many years.

DANA DARES
*Municipality of the District of Shelburne*

Dana has been a long-time dedicated volunteer for many outdoor-related organizations in Shelburne County. During his time he has helped develop trails across Southwest Nova Scotia which he feels strongly helps improve the local economy, recreation, and community.

He was director of the Woodland Multi-use Trail Association for the last 11 years, and a member of the Shelburne Park Development Agency for five years. He was president of the Shelburne County ATV Association from 2008 to 2014 and continues as a director now.

Dana is also especially proud of the many years he volunteered as a Scout leader while his son was a participant.
DONNA D RENNEHAN
Town of Shelburne

Donna is an extremely hard worker. She takes on projects that no one else has taken on and gives them her all.

She has been the organizer of the Parade of Lights for Founders’ Day for the Town of Shelburne for 10 years. The parade is a very important part of town celebrations every year and without her dedication, organization, and relentless fundraising, the event would not be as successful. Donna's hard work also showed this past Christmas when she almost single-handedly re-decorated all of the Town's Christmas wreaths.

She has also been a dedicated canvasser with the Heart & Stroke Foundation for 15 years, a Sunday school teacher at Carleton Village Church for 10 years, and a volunteer for Roseway Baptist Church for two years.

ETHEL BLACK
Town of Lunenburg

Ethel has a 'can do' attitude who never says "no". When asked 37 years ago for help from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #23 Ladies Auxiliary, she said "yes" and hasn’t looked back. She has dedicated the last five years to the organization as Sargeant-at-Arms. She is always willing to lend a hand to her fellow members and is active with organizing all of their events and needs, ranging from visiting community members who are sick, to waitressing their monthly breakfasts, to sewing all of their curtains. Ethel is eager to pitch in. In fact, she only missed one monthly breakfast in 37 years (due to a broken ankle). At 85 years young, she is a pillar in the Ladies Auxiliary and is well-respected in the community.

JILL SURETTE
Municipality of the District of Argyle

Jill is an all-around great community member who has given to her community, her church, and the school through her knowledge of sport, community spirit, and her faith.

She has been the organizer of the Abuptic Festival for the last 17 years, an important community summer festival. She has also been a longtime volunteer with the choir, youth group, and junior church for the last 27 years. She coached girls basketball for 10 years. More recently she is involved with the breakfast program at Drumlin Heights School, selling tickets for Chase the Ace, and play acting for the Friends of the Library, Pubnico Branch.
LLOYD WESTHAVER  
Town of Mahone Bay

Lloyd is a life member with the Mahone Bay Branch #49, Royal Canadian Legion. That designation is only awarded to members who have demonstrated exemplary volunteer service during their tenure.

During his 26 years with the branch, he served as vice-president for many years. For the last seven years he has volunteered full-time to help turn the finances around to make it sustainable. He has also taken on all of the janitorial work, renovated the building inside to give it a new look, and looks after the bar lounge, hall rentals, building and grounds, maintenance, fire protection, and fundraising.

HEATHER KELLY  
Region of Queens Municipality

Heather is a well-known volunteer in her community. She has been involved in many initiatives that improve community and family life in the area. That includes her activities on nearly every festival and events committee in Liverpool and nearby communities, and her work with the International Student Program, at the local elementary school, Queens Early Childhood Development Association, and the Queens Minor Hockey Association. She also was involved with Community Operated Open Kitchen for five years, and Successful Woman Inspiring Forward Thinking for two years.

Heather is very proud of her work she's done at the community garden club, Plant to Plate, for five years. She also established and maintains a community website and Facebook page that serves as a key promotional tool for the community. In addition, she has participated with QCCR 99.3, the local Queens County community radio for over seven years.

MARK ALLISON  
Region of Queens Municipality

Mark is a young man who has given tirelessly of his time, and has shared his life and story with many in Atlantic Canada. Mark’s volunteer efforts have focused largely on the War Amps organization’s programs and activities, starting at the age of seven. He is a young man who exemplifies a ‘can do’ attitude and has a deep level of caring and empathy with those he interacts.

Mark is particularly proud of, and looks forward to, his volunteer time as a junior counsellor at the Atlantic CHAMP seminars. For the last five years, he has worked with the younger Champs by offering advice, sharing his experiences and exemplifying a positive approach to challenges. He enjoys being a role model for younger Champs, and showing them that they do not have to be limited by their amputation in what they can accomplish. Beyond War Amps, Mark was also a junior fire fighter for three years with the Liverpool Fire Department.
Fundy Region

JOAN FOWLER  
Town of Amherst

Joan Fowler, a resident of the Town of Amherst, is very involved in the community, and has volunteered a great amount of her time to three local organizations including the Amherst Chapter Kidney Foundation, Christmas for Kids, and Dick’s Jamboree. She is a loyal, responsible and committed volunteer throughout the community. Joan was first motivated to volunteer to further help others and get more involved with her community. Since then, she has made a great impact and given thousands of kids in Cumberland County a brighter Christmas, has helped lead several Kidney Foundation fundraisers, and has given her hand in many other volunteer roles. Her keen interest in financial accountability has benefited her volunteer committees immensely, along with her tireless efforts and thoughtful actions reflected through her work ethic.

BETH MACKAY  
Village of Bible Hill

Beth has been volunteering in her community for more than 60 years. During that time she has contributed to many causes, including her church, local hospitals, and service groups.

Over the years she has helped the Bible Hill Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary, and has been a longtime fundraiser with the Canadian Cancer Society, selling and collecting daffodils. She has also sold poppies for the Colchester Regional Legion, and washed hair and read to the patients of Colchester Community Hospital. Her longstanding commitment to giving back to the community is a shining example to us all.

She also sat on the Board of Directors for the Big Brothers & Sisters, and The Rotary House. She is especially proud of the hours she spent every week for four years helping members of her community with mental challenges.

DONALD E. HENDERSON  
Municipality of Colchester County

Donald has worked continuously and unselfishly for more than 25 years for the community of Brookfield to help enhance, maintain, and create opportunities for all citizens young and old. He truly is the epitome of what it means to be a volunteer.

Some of the highlights of his volunteer career include coaching the Brookfield Elks Senior Softball team for 10 years, at both the provincial and national level, and serving as co-chair of the community’s annual fair to help raise funds for the Brookfield Athletic Association. He is also treasurer of both the Brookfield Curling Club and the local ATV club, president of the Brookfield Men’s Club, and premises chair of the Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex.
FLORENCE DAIGLE-DAY  
*Municipality of East Hants*

Florence has spent many of her years volunteering in her community for school class trips, seniors Christmas parties, and church programs. For the past 21 years, she has been dedicated to MADD East Hants as the founder, an active member and community leader. She spends countless hours supporting others as a victims-support person, organizing events and conferences, and raising money to educate and inform others about the dangers of impaired driving. She also does road tolls and sobriety road checks with the RCMP.

BEVERLY ANN CLARK  
*Town of Oxford*

Bev has been volunteering for 50 years. For 17 years of those she canvassed for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, the Kidney Foundation, the Red Cross, and the Canadian Cancer Society. She is also a longtime volunteer for Crime Stoppers, her church choir, the Cumberland Car Club, and as a Guide leader.

For eight years she was the president of the Canadian Cancer Society in Oxford. She fondly remembers a fun fashion show idea she came up with to raise money for The Lodge That Gives. She prepared costumes, filled the theatre with people, raised money, and had a blast.

DOUGLAS PERRY  
*Municipality of the County of Cumberland*

Doug is an outstanding member of the Wallace community who sees a need and works very hard to establish a solution. A member of Wallace & Area Development Association for the last 13 years, and president for the last four, he continually has great ideas to add to the charm of the area. He then works hard to establish and maintain them, having designed and built three trail bridges and acquired ownership of the Wallace Lighthouse. Doug was also event chair for the Wallace Dandelion Festival.

As longtime trustee of Millard Charman Community Hall, director of Wallace Museum, and member of Wallace Men’s Club, he has established traditions and activities and has maintained historical elements which makes Wallace an excellent place to live and to visit.
JENNIFER TIBERT  
Town of Stewiacke

Jennifer has lived in Stewiacke for more than 30 years and has volunteered almost since day one. She has been involved with the preschool/playschool and followed her children through elementary school to high school, helping any way she could. She worked with the PTA, ran fundraisers, and went on school trips. She was involved with Town Day celebrations, including the Town’s centennial. Jennifer dreamt up the idea and organized the Annual Flaunt and Flash Car Show as part of the Ravenous for Rhubarb Festival and has run a spectacular show for the last 10 years. Jennifer personifies community spirit as she is always found contributing to social events through traditional methods or simply by dressing to theme or driving her station wagon around town with a lit Christmas tree on the roof for the Town’s tree lighting evening.

GLENDA KENT  
Town of Truro

Glenda has been extremely involved with her local hospital and with the VON Board for 18 years, having served as president. She has worked at the hospital coffee shop for more than 20 years and is currently the Hospital Auxiliary president. She participates with the Read-to-Me program and is a member of the Hospital Foundation. Glenda visits nursing homes and seniors regularly.

Glenda’s volunteering does not end there. She has been involved in many community organizations including her church, Firemenettes, and has 45 years perfect attendance with Beta Sigma Phi.
Highland Region

DAVID MILLER AND AÏDA ARNOLD  
Town of Antigonish

David and Aïda have been instrumental in transforming Antigonish into a beautiful little town with the nickname ‘The Hidden Gem’. As founding members of the Guysborough Antigonish Pictou Arts and Culture Council, they have contributed their time and financial support for 20 years. They also initiated the Antigonish Art Fair and continue to run it, now into its fourth year, on every second Friday night at Chisholm Park in downtown Antigonish. The Art Fair has an attendance of over 1,000 and is a showcase for new artists in the area. Due partly to their efforts, the Town of Antigonish was named Arts Community of the Year in 2015.

David and Aïda also started the Town of Antigonish beautification committee 11 years ago, and have helped the town earn number one ranking, seven out of eight times, with Communities in Bloom.

LINDA MACDOUGALL-PENNER  
Municipality of the County of Antigonish

Linda has been the communications officer for the PHAST Swim Club for the last five years and serves as an executive member as well. She re-designed the communications strategy and tools and dedicates many hours to the PHAST social media accounts to keep the membership, community, and local media informed. She is also the team photographer and captures individual and squad photos each week.

Because PHAST is a club that exists out of two communities, Port Hawkesbury and Antigonish, and are governed by two executives, the communications officer plays a vital role in linking the day-to-day operations. She played a critical role in the redesign of the new website for PHAST this year and the team runs more efficiently because of her efforts. Linda also officiates as a Stroke & Turn judge for swim meets and runs a community youth group from St. James United Church in Antigonish.

SONJA REDDICK  
Municipality of the District of Guysborough

Sonja is a longtime volunteer in the community of Lincolnville. She has volunteered and continues to volunteer with the Lincolnville Community Development Association, and the African United Baptist Church Association. Sonja took pride in her position as the supervisor of the AUBA Provincial Baptist Youth Fellowship. She filled the positions of clerk, treasurer, secretary and choir member with the Tracadie United Baptist Church. Sonja has also held the president position of the African Association Women Institute of Nova Scotia.
GEORGIE DEWEY
Town of Trenton

Georgie began her volunteering as a young girl, over 70 years ago. She is a humble, silent doer, always there to lend a helping hand for an organization, church group, or someone in her neighbourhood. She is known by her neighbours as an “Angel in Disguise”.

She has been a dedicated member of the First United Church her entire life holding a variety of positions over the years. She was an Explorer leader, Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, board secretary, church newsletter editor, and now at 82 sits on the structural review committee.

She has also been an active volunteer with the Pictou Presbyterial, and was the secretary for the Maritime Conference United Church Women for seven years. Most impressively she has been the treasurer for United Church Women for 50 years.

ALISON ARSENAULT
Town of Pictou

Alison has been an excellent volunteer for the Town of Pictou for many years. She made and donated pillow cases for the pediatric units at Aberdeen and IWK hospitals, and has fundraised for Christmas Daddies and the IWK.

She has also fundraised and worked with New Horizons Senior Club as their director, and rental chair for the last four years. Alison helps with the newsletter, pot luck lunches, and organizes the crib and card games. She has volunteered with the Help Line in the past and is currently volunteering as a church ambassador, on the church worship committee, and as a school lunch committee member.

For 36 years she was an international judge for Amateur Boxing and held various roles with Boxing Nova Scotia. Alison is a member of the Canadian Amateur Boxing Wall of Fame and has won recognition awards, including Golden Boxer Award for dedicated and spirited support of amateur boxing in Nova Scotia.

WANDA KEEPING
Town of Mulgrave

Wanda is always ready and eager to help anyone in need. She started volunteering with her children when they were involved in basketball and volleyball. As Mulgrave Memorial Education Centre’s sports coordinator she organized sport events for the school.

Wanda is now well known for her role with the Mulgrave Volunteer Fire Department. She’s volunteered with them for the last 29 years, as a fire person and in support of the Ladies Auxiliary. She also volunteers at the Saint Andrews Anglican Church cooking and serving meals. She is especially proud to be one of their medical first responders. She also helps seniors in the community by volunteering to take them grocery shopping, and cleaning their homes.
JIM KIRK  
Municipality of the District of St. Mary’s

Jim is a great example of a volunteer who dreams big and is making big things happen in a rural community. He started volunteering when he was a young man in Dartmouth with minor hockey where he was a referee for two years, and eventually a minor hockey coach. Jim joined the St. Mary’s ATV Club four years ago, and has been president for the last three years. His main focus has been on accessing grants to finish trails in the District of St. Mary’s and grow the club membership.

He was treasurer for 25 years at the Goshen Gospel Church, and a youth leader for 14 years. He has had various positions with the St. Mary’s Fire Department for the last 22 years and is proud of the progress the department has achieved.

KIM LIVINGSTON  
Town of New Glasgow

For over 20 years Kim has been a volunteer and proud supporter of her community, and has touched the lives of many. She has contributed her time, expertise, and support towards many groups and organizations such as Race on the River (Pictou County Dragon Boat Festival), Special Olympics, Highland County Residential Services Foundation, VON of Pictou County, Pictou County Kennel Club, The Shepherd’s Lunch Room, Girl Guides, the West Side Community Centre, and the Johnny Miles Race.

In 2015, Kim received the Florence Guthro Memorial Award for Special Olympics’ Pictou County Volunteer of the Year. Kim is a dedicated, hard working, and compassionate volunteer who brings warmth and concern to others, with a sense of humour and sincerity that makes everyone feel welcome and comfortable. Kim exemplifies true leadership and continues to inspire those around her.

ANGELA HACKETT  
Town of Stellarton

Angela volunteered as a La Leche League Leader from 2009-2013 helping nursing mothers with support for breast feeding. Angela then helped start the first Roller Derby Association in Pictou County and worked as their first club president from 2012-2015. Now Angela dedicates a great deal of personal time towards her daughter’s elementary school coordinating the breakfast program, assisting in the fluoride program, and volunteering when needed as a chaperone on class trips.

Angela has shown dedication, kindness, and compassion in her volunteering to help organizations in her community succeed. She has always put her best foot forward to help out those in need and makes an impact in any organization she works with and on the people involved.
ALLAN BEST
Town of Westville

The Town of Westville is extremely lucky to have a leader like Allan involved with sport in the community. Allan has been involved in almost every aspect of Westville Minor Baseball. He came to the sport as a parent looking to get involved and has been active in coaching, fundraising, field maintenance, and community engagement. The sport would not be what it is today in the Town of Westville without the work that Allan has done and continues to do.

Allan’s love for learning and his competitive spirit are not restricted to the sport of baseball. For 23 years Allan has also been heavily involved in hockey in town and over the years has volunteered for curling and music events as well.

JOE MACDONALD
Municipality of Pictou County

Joe has been a committed volunteer to his community for 30 years. During that time, he has served as firefighter and chief with Barney’s River Fire Department, and has been especially involved in fire prevention. In addition, he was a member of the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association for 22 years, member of the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia for nine years, vice president of the Pictou County Fire Fighters Association for two years, and member of the Liaison Committee to Pictou County Council for Rural Fire Departments since 2016.

Joe also has served as president and past president for the Kenzieville Community Centre since 2001, as volunteer and chair of the Kenzieville Cemetery for the last seven years, and was the founding member of Twin Highway 104 Committee back in 2014.
**Cape Breton Region**

**EDWARD MACPHERSON**  
*Cape Breton Regional Municipality*

Edward has been with New Dawn Meals on Wheels for 25 years, along with many other non-profits. His impact particularly with Meals on Wheels is tangible. He takes the time to get to know each of their clients and helps them however he can. Most of their clients are elderly and he’ll go above and beyond his role as a meal deliverer to bring in their fliers, and laundry, etc. He has even run to the grocery store for them to pick up milk. While most of their volunteers do one route a week, Edward delivers three to five times a week. He is considered the heart and soul of their program.

Edward has truly given himself to his community, not only with his dedication to Meals on Wheels but with his selflessness, friendliness, honesty, and integrity. Beyond Meals on Wheels he takes the older residents in his building grocery shopping or to their appointments, etc. He never stops helping others.

**SHARON RYAN**  
*Town of Port Hawkesbury*

Sharon is an exemplary volunteer who has given hundreds of hours to her community through organizations such as the Leeside Society, J. Franklin Wright Art Gallery, School Advisory Council, ROC Society, Relay for Life, Port Hawkesbury Curling Club, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Early Intervention and many more. She has worked with community members of all ages and economic backgrounds.

As an educator, Sharon sees the daily challenges that children and families face, and she has chosen to volunteer with organizations that work to improve circumstances for these families. Sharon’s work with Leeside Transition House is of particular pride. She has given a great deal of time to this organization and their fundraising initiatives.

Sharon’s pride in her community is also expressed in her work with the Town Beautification Committee.
TONY PIERCE
*Municipality of the County of Richmond*

Tony’s volunteering for the last 15 years has spanned many organizations and he has contributed both behind the scenes and in leadership roles. He is a proven resource to his community and is often the ‘go-to’ guy when others are facing a challenge or need advice. He has a strong work ethic and contributes to making his community a better place to live.

Although Tony is a very modest person, he has been part of many great accomplishments for his community. Tony spearheaded ATV trails development on Isle Madame. He has been a principle organizer of the annual Isle Madame ATV Rally that attracts 500+ ATVs annually, which is the organization’s major fundraising event. Tony has also fostered community relationships and created partnerships. He was involved with partnering the Isle Madame ATV Riders with the Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department to fundraise for an emergency backboard. He’s has also been instrumental with the Superport Corporation.

JOE MACNEIL
*Municipality of the County of Victoria*

This is Joe’s 40th year assisting school kids in various sports such as basketball, wrestling, golf, and soccer. He has been a coach, instructor, and mentor in the many local schools, as well as at Highlands Links Golf Club.

He has supported and encouraged countless kids no matter what their ability. Through his volunteer activities, he has enabled the youth to excel not only in sports, but life in general. Joe is highly respected by all residents in northern Victoria County and in the community of North Shore and by the sport community throughout Cape Breton and Nova Scotia. He has instilled confidence, fair play, motivation, and enthusiasm in the youth of Victoria County.

BERNIE MACDONALD
*Municipality of the County of Inverness*

Bernie volunteers for many organizations in his community of Mabou but has been especially generous with his contributions to the Mabou Gaelic and Historical Society. Currently serving as vice president of history, Bernie is a man of many talents and a million ideas. Over the last five years he has brought much needed technical expertise to the Society and the collection at their An Drochaid museum, along with his considerable skills in desktop publishing and carpentry. He has taken the time to mentor youth to teach them cataloging and how to digitize the materials, as well as assisting in research and collecting historic photographs.

His presence and enthusiasm have brought new ideas, new members, and new vigour, revitalization and optimism to the Mabou Gaelic and Historical Society.
LINDSEY CATHERINE PUDDICOMBE

Lindsey is an outstanding student leader. She started Cheetahs for Charity, a volunteer club at her high school, to help create a better connection between students and community and to help foster lifelong volunteers. Lindsey has also volunteered with Special Olympics, Festival of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, and the IWK. She is passionate about making a positive difference in her community and has demonstrated the initiative, perseverance, and, most importantly, the genuine compassion to accomplish this goal. Lindsey has not only made a difference in the lives of others, she has inspired many of her peers and teachers to see the importance of volunteerism.

RODGER G J SMITH

Rodger’s love for his home community of North Preston started when, as an adolescent, he and his brother would help his mother plan events in the community.

Rodger has helped implement many new initiatives and held many roles with a wide range of organizations such as the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, Black Men Surviving the 90’s, The Preston Fund, East Preston Ratepayers, the local School Advisory Council, various political campaigns, St. Thomas United Baptist Church, New Beginning Ministries, North Preston Day Care Centre, East Preston Baptist Church Prison Ministry, 902 Man Up, Habitat for Humanity, The Preston March, The National Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association, and Preston Hockey Association. He also helps run community BBQ events, with community cleanups, and with social functions.

Rodger’s impact has been felt by all who have been blessed to work, volunteer, and be mentored by him.
DOLLY WILLIAMS

Dolly’s personality is one of passion. She enjoys working with communities, seniors, the homeless, women, and youth. She is always willing to help someone. She believes that we all need to give back to our communities and she does this willingly and lovingly from the heart.

Dolly has served on numerous boards and committees, including Congress of Black Women Preston and Area Chapter, New Beginnings Ministries, East Preston Ratepayers, East Preston Seniors, Halifax Senior Council, National Action Coalition of Canadian Women, Black Cultural Society of Nova Scotia, Black Educators Association, Preston and Area Lions/Lioness, Preston Area Trails Association and Southeastern Capital Health Board, among many others. She has been the recipient of many awards and has delivered many presentations across Canada and other countries.

She currently sits on the Nova Scotia Community Links Board, is chairperson of the Preston & Area Housing Fund Board, and a member of the Women Inter-Church Council of Halifax.

RANA ALI ZAMAN

Rana immigrated to Nova Scotia from Pakistan at the age of six and feels a deep desire to give back to the country that gave her a new life. She has been volunteering for 32 years and is deeply committed to the welfare and unity of all the diverse communities in Nova Scotia.

In the last few years she has dedicated herself wholeheartedly by either joining or creating new associations to improve communication and to bring together groups to share resources to address the needs of different communities or groups.

She is a founding member and president of several associations and either a board member or committee member on several more. These include the Dartmouth Masjid, Pakistani Canadian Association of Nova Scotia, United for One, Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia Welcoming Committee, Caring Human Association, and the Immigrant Migrant Women’s Association of Halifax. She has been involved in fundraisers such as tea parties, fashion shows, Eid dinners, community events, and large scale festivals.
LIZ MACBETH

Liz has been a driving force behind Open Harbour Refugee Association as co-founder and chair, as well as in the roles of volunteer manager, settlement coordinator, and mentor. The association sponsors at least one family of refugees per year. She is also founder and chair of Private Sponsors of Nova Scotia Roundtable and co-founded one of Nova Scotia’s first private sponsorship groups to work with ISANS in 2009 that was community and non-faith based. Liz also volunteers as a caregiver for a woman with multiple sclerosis and has volunteered with the IWK Read to Me Program and Out of the Cold Shelter. Liz is an inspiration to members of the volunteer refugee support group that she co-founded. Her commitment to helping others and ensuring those who are new to Nova Scotia are treated with the respect they deserve is admirable.

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN

Mahbubur is a passionate community leader. After coming to Halifax from Bangladesh three years ago to pursue a Masters in Civil Engineering at Dalhousie University, he devoted his time to volunteer in so many aspects of community, including housing, education, children, student life, event programming, fundraising, and urban life.

He has taken on leadership roles with Halifax Student Housing Society (which manages Peter Green Hall and Children’s Centre), Inglis Street Elementary Parent Teacher Association, Planning and Design Center, CKDU 88.1FM, as well as many roles as a student leader at Dalhousie University including vice president of Dalhousie Student Union. He has also devoted his time to Fusion Halifax, Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia, Halifax Cycling Coalition, Halifax Muslims, Ecology Action Center, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Arthritis Society, and many more organizations.

KATE SULLIVAN

Kate’s enthusiasm and passion in the community is contagious. Through her volunteer efforts with Clayton Park & Fairview Neighbourhood Watch, Kate has helped raise awareness by communicating safety tips, City Watch alerts, and organizing crime prevention events along with Halifax Regional Police youth program. Through Engage Mainland North, Kate has educated residents about the importance of the democratic process through Get Out and Vote. She initiated the annual Hats and Mittens Project, which collects gently used hats and mittens for the less fortunate during the cold winter months. Kate also initiated and organized a Joint Emergency Management program for Mainland North in partnership with the municipal Emergency Management Office.

In her volunteer role with Chebucto West Community Health Board, Kate facilitated a health plan survey that will help prioritize community health priorities through the Nova Scotia Health Authority. She also volunteers with Hike Nova Scotia, and Chebucto Hiking Club. She was recently recognized in the legislature for her work with Clayton Park & Fairview Neighbourhood Watch and was nominated for a Mainland North Volunteer Award.
AILIN CHANT

Ailin exercises her commitment to lifting up others while inspiring people to join her with her strong organizational ability, charm, and leadership skills. Among Ailin’s many volunteer efforts she has been involved with Sacred Heart School of Halifax, as Head Girl and in numerous other roles. She’s also committed to Halifax Dance, Project ARC, Bedford United Church, the Nova Scotia Gambia Association, as well as with local charities, including Light the Night Walk for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Children’s Wish Foundation, Feed Nova Scotia, IWK and many more.

She continues to work on issues of gender and economic inequality with Starfish International in The Gambia and has found ways to use her talents of dance and drama to bring attention to issues of human rights while always helping those less fortunate to become visible to the world. Ailin plans to further her passion for making a meaningful contribution to the world by pursuing a degree in International Relations next year in university.

WARREN B. ERVINE

Warren has contributed to the communities of Halifax for many years, in many different ways. The organizations that have benefited from his support include: Halifax Regional Trails Association, Fort Sackville Foundation, All Saints Anglican Church, Bedford Players Association, Uniacke Estate Museum and Park, Office of the Solicitor General, Metro Christian Prison Volunteers Association, Sackville Lakes Provincial Park & Trails Association, Atlantic Geoscience Society, and Titanic Society of Atlantic Canada, to name just a few. He gives generously of his time, energy, enthusiasm, and talent. Warren has served HRM through his many talents of researching, counselling, organizing, teaching, designing, and writing. In September 2015, Warren was awarded with the Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia “Citizen of the Year” Award.

RACHEL BROUWER

At the age of 15, Rachel’s achievements include developing a solar water pasteurization system, which is currently being tested in Uganda. She’s also been Bedford student coordinator of We Day, and works with young students through the Advisory Council for OWL magazine, and as a Les Tablettistes panel member. She has raised thousands of dollars for the IWK Foundation and is involved with Feed Nova Scotia, War Child India, and the Terry Fox Foundation.

Rachel has received many awards nationally and internationally for her invention, and locally for her volunteer work, including the Bedford Academy Youth Volunteer Award, HRM Junior High Citizenship Award, Bedford Academy Youth Philanthropy Award, Youth Community Hero Award from the Halifax Mooseheads, Youth Discovery Award, Bedford Youth Volunteer Award, Red Cross Youth Humanitarian Award, Young Women of Excellence Award. She’s also recently met with the Prime Minister, Premier of Nova Scotia, Governor General, and Science Minister of Canada.
Valley Region

VALERIE KNEEN-TEED
Village of New Minas

Valerie is passionate about technology and has made it her mission to pass along her skills to the youth in her area.

For four years she led five First Lego League Robotics teams, and regularly instructed computer game development at four local schools, including Evangeline Middle School, New Minas Elementary School, Booker School, and Landmark East.

For the last five years, twice a week every week, she has led the Code Club to teach local kids about computer game programming. In 2015, she and the kids organized the first of what is now an annual two-day game conference event, GAME SPACE AV. Her contributions to enriching the lives of kids in her community by teaching them the skills of the future are second to none.

Beyond technology, for the last 13 years every Saturday morning Valerie has made breakfast for her church’s “Inn from the Cold” breakfast. She has also coached U14 soccer for a few years, helping to focus the team’s strengths to win Silver at Provincials.

MARY MAGEE
Municipality of the County of Kings

Mary has impacted thousands of youth within her region over her years as a volunteer and truly embodies the 4-H spirit, using her four H’s; head, heart, health and hands. In doing so, she has inspired so many to pursue their dreams and then give back to their community.

Mary has been a 4-H leader for 44 years, beginning as a crafts leader for the Western Kings 4-H Project Club and shortly after became its general leader. With an average of 60 to 90 youth participating each year it has become one of the most successful 4-H clubs in Kings County. One aspect of 4-H program that Mary particularly appreciates is the public speaking and is a keen promoter of this aspect within the 4-H program. Mary serves on many 4-H related councils and committees locally, provincially, and nationally. She also spends a great deal of time writing references for colleges, bursaries, awards, and special trips for many of her members.

Mary has been the accompanist for the South Berwick Girls’ Choir for 30 years, co-chair of the Berwick Gala Days Pageant for a number of years, and still accompanies soloists, groups, and carol sings at a variety of events and has volunteered at many square dancing festivals provincially and nationally.
KRISTA STEELE  
*Town of Middleton*

Krista has taken on integral volunteer roles in her town with many organizations including the Valley District Soccer Association, Middleton Missiles Swim Team, Middleton Autism Summer Camp, Middleton Pool Society, and the Annapolis East Elementary School. Krista is always there when she is needed, taking on various leadership roles and never complaining.

She is particularly proud of her role in Valley Soccer both with the kids’ and the ladies’ teams as well as when she served with the Town’s swim team. But a smile always comes to her face when she talks about her activities at the elementary school.

You cannot be present at a single town festival, picnic, skating party or school hallway, without seeing Krista there helping out.

JEFF REDDEN  
*Town of Windsor*

Since returning to the family business in 1993 to work with his father, Jeff has been committed to assisting individuals, contributing time to various organizations, and supporting local community events in the region.

An advocate for community beautification, Jeff is involved with Communities in Bloom and the Windsor Tree Canopy project. Jeff also serves on a variety of boards such as Active Transportation and the Long Pond Arena Society. He has a passion for hockey and is on the fundraising committee for the new arena. Jeff works with many, many worthwhile organizations, such as Christmas Angels and the Hospital Auxiliary, to fundraise for equipment or to give children and families a wonderful Christmas.

Jeff also supports downtown development, regional marketing, and continues to mentor and support small business entrepreneurs. Jeff has won many accolades including Communities in Bloom National Retailer of the Year, and the Paul Harris Fellow Award and is also the recipient of Windsor’s Judy Fry Award for his continued efforts and tireless enthusiasm to help his community.
MARIE SAULNIER  
*Municipality of Clare*

Marie began volunteering approximately 10 years ago, simply because there was a lack of volunteers in the community. She began by assuming a volunteer role, with plans to keep that volunteer position for a year or so until another volunteer could take over. Now, 10 years later, she is still volunteering and takes pride in being able to help various groups in her community.

Marie’s volunteer involvement with her local food bank gives her a great sense of accomplishment. For her there is no greater feeling than being able to help the less fortunate. Marie sits on various volunteer committees within the Sacred Heart Parish, her favorite one being the social action committee where she volunteers countless hours of her time organizing receptions at the parish hall after funerals. Marie also attends meetings, delivers gifts to special needs homes during the holidays, gives communion to people who are sick, and prepares and organizes a variety of fundraisers.

RITA PORTER  
*Municipality of the District of West Hants*

Rita has been an outstanding volunteer for more than 53 years in the Municipality of West Hants. She quietly gives freely of her time to the benefit of others and never expects anything in return. From canvassing and knitting for charities, to helping with local breakfasts and events, Rita thoroughly enjoys giving back to her community.

Rita is extremely proud that at the young age of 85 she is still able to volunteer and be of service to her community. She has volunteered with the Ardoise Community Hall for more than 35 years and has been a canvasser for the Canadian Cancer Society for more than 25 years.

Rita sets an example in her community by staying involved and showing through her actions that giving back is rewarding in itself.

JANE NICHOLSON  
*Town of Annapolis Royal*

Jane has been a community volunteer since the age of 16. Through the strength of her leadership, management experience, and determination she has helped create incredible opportunities for residents and business owners in Annapolis Royal.

Jane currently serves on the Annapolis Board of Trade, the Annapolis Royal Wharf Association, and the Town's Municipal Effectiveness Advisory Committee.

Jane considers her greatest accomplishment the founding of AIRO - Annapolis Investments in Rural Opportunity - a private economic development and investment firm that supports solutions to rural economic growth. Through AIRO, Jane has “stepped up” to create prosperity and help people achieve their dreams.
**OLIVER JANSON**  
*Town of Digby*

Oliver has made a tremendous impact on the sporting community in Digby for more than 15 years as a coach for the summer and high school soccer teams, as well as coaching track and field, cross country, and hockey. He has left lasting impressions on athletes who admire his coaching skills that they have been able to carry with them throughout their lives.

Oliver is founder and organizer of the Digby Scallop Days Fun Run and continues to sponsor this event. He currently volunteers as the president of the Digby County Barrister Society and is a board member for the Upper Clements Theme Park Society and Digby Area Health Service Foundation. He is a past volunteer for numerous organizations including Digby Community Health Board, Digby Elementary School Advisory Council, The Western Counties Barristers Society, Digby Area Theatre Society, Beavers, and Cubs.

Oliver believes in his community and enjoys giving back. He has devoted his time and knowledge to sports, health, wellness and education.

**SHIRLEY DUGAS**  
*Municipality of the District of Digby*

Shirley is a great ambassador for the Admiral Digby Museum and Historical Society. Her dedication, commitment, and organization goes above and beyond what is required. Shirley has shown exemplary skills as a leader of Girl Guides of Canada for 15 years, and has made a real difference with her efforts. She is a dedicated blood donor, working towards her goal of 100 donations of which she is 80% there. She has also volunteered in many roles with the Bear River United Baptist Church for many years.

Shirley feels very strongly about the organizations and causes that she supports and gives 110% to everyone of them. For the longest time she carried a card in her wallet that summarizes her view on volunteering. It said:

*If not here, where?*  
*If not now, when?*  
*If not me, who?*

...these are the reasons for volunteering.
MARY ANNE CARTY  
**Town of Berwick**

Mary Anne's volunteering began when she was a 4-H leader for a few years. Following her retirement as an elementary teacher she provided a practice reading program for Grade one students at Somerset School. She now volunteers with the Apple Capital Museum Society and at Berwick School.

Mary Anne is known as “Grandma” to the staff and students of Berwick School where she cooks and serves a varied menu for breakfast every day. Mary Anne is proud to work with students because she loves children and wants to be a positive role model.

Mary Anne is also a cancer survivor who returned to volunteering as soon as she could after surgery and treatment. Mary Anne gives from her heart. She is always positive, helpful, and a great role model. She enjoys her volunteer work and it shows in everything that she does.

ROB PORTER  
**Town of Wolfville**

As a Rotarian, Rob has been a club president, executive secretary, and served as assistant district governor for South-West Nova Scotia and the Board of Directors for Rotary District 7820. He served as a director on the Landmark East School Foundation, the Eastern Kings Memorial Health Foundation, and will join the Rotary Clubs of Kings County Charitable Foundation in April. Rob is an active volunteer with the Wolfville and Area Food Bank, the Wolfville Community Refugee Support Group, and chaired the Town of Wolfville and Acadia University coordinating committee that hosted Roger’s Home Town Hockey in the Annapolis Valley.

Rob embodies volunteerism through his dedication to numerous causes. His reliability and sense of duty makes him a great choice for this recognition.
HEATHER MCCORMICK
Municipality of the County of Annapolis

Heather has had such a positive impact on the region of Annapolis County, and has been volunteering since 1968. She has used her skills, professionalism, and charismatic personality to bring tremendous economic development to this area.

Heather’s work with the Annapolis Region Community Arts Council (ARCAC) saw $245,000 raised for the creation of summer arts programs, a residence studio, a community workspace plus renovations to make the building wheelchair accessible.

For seven years she chaired the committee that raised $235,000 towards a new gym and music room for the Middleton Regional High School, and has been instrumental in the “Academy (ARRA)” project that has seen the development of 40 new condos being built with new families moving into the town.

Heather’s spirit of giving and her obvious dedication to making Annapolis County the best place to live, work and play is humbling. She is a role model and mentor for the youth and her peers, and a friend to everyone.

GERTRUDE MORSE
Town of Kentville

Gertrude has been the volunteer coordinator for Fidelis House for almost 26 years. Fidelis House offers a home away from home serving guests whose loved ones are in the hospital or patients themselves receiving medical treatment.

Gertrude has headed many fundraisers for Fidelis House, creating funding that has been the foundation of the organization. She manages the daily operations at the House, helping volunteers and patients alike. Her recruitment of volunteers is her principle responsibility and she has established a family of friends who work together happily and efficiently.

Gertrude’s service is beyond reproach - her accomplishments and leadership have played a crucial role in the creation of a warm, comfortable and caring home away from home for patients and families of the Valley Regional Hospital.
ERNIE HOVELL
Village of Port Williams

Ernie is always ready to serve his community. He knows how to organize people and keep projects on time and within financial constraints. With the help of his many contacts, he is able to make things happen in the Village of Port Williams. He is active in many roles and organizations including Charter and Life member of the Port Williams and District Lions Club for 47 years, treasurer (40 years) and grave lot marker (22 years) at St John’s Anglican Church, Parish of Cornwallis. He has also been village commissioner of Port Williams for 11 years, life member (50 years) and past national director with the Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employer, as well as a member for 53 years and past director of the Associated Alumni of Acadia University.

Ernie is particularly proud of the 40-foot extension that was added to the Port Williams Community Centre, while he was president. Ernie was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Clubs International Foundation in 2015 for dedicated humanitarian services and received the Democracy 250 Citizenship Certificate and Medallion in November 2008 from the Province of Nova Scotia.

Ernie’s long standing record of volunteerism speaks for itself - his involvement with the local Lions Club, his church, the Village Commission, his alma mater, and his work peer groups all emphasize his efforts towards the Lions motto of “We Serve”.
