The Volunteer Action Centre’s 15th Annual

VOLUNTEER IMPACT AWARDS

2020
WELCOME & THANKS

Susan Cook-Scheerer
15 years as MC!
Back in the day when we were all in one room...
TECHNOLOGY TIPS

• Please mute your mic
• Speaker view
• Live chat
• Social media

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WELCOME TO ALL DIGNITARIES

- Regional Chair Karen Redman
- Member of Parliament Bardish Chagger
- Mayor Dave Jaworsky of the City of Waterloo
- Mayor of Woolwich Township Sandy Shantz
- Regional and Municipal Councillors: Elizabeth Clarke, Helen Jowett, Karl Keiffer, Christine Michaud, Margaret Johnston, Angela Veith and Angie Hallman
SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL CHAIR
KAREN REDMAN
AWARDS

Rosemary Aicher
Local Artist & Potter
VIRTUALLY THE BEST VOLUNTEERS

Karen, Sue, Nur, Xin, Mac & Jade!
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF MARGARET COWAN
AWARD OF MERIT

This award acknowledges an individual for their significant contribution to volunteerism and in this case specifically with youth in the City of Kitchener.
DANNON VASEY

Dannon Vasey excels at building relationships and has the unique ability to put a relationship and the volunteer experience over the results of the endeavour.
CARING PROGRAM AWARD

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DEB McCARTER

Deb McCarter is the epitome of a caring, compassionate and involved member of the community.
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Sharon Stephens’ genuine empathy, kindness and intuitive understanding of a child’s needs set her apart as a volunteer and trusted adult in the school community.
This award recognizes a volunteer in a support role such as reception, office, library support, or research focused.
Daniel Kramer is a compassionate, selfless volunteer who is adept at creating a positive atmosphere no matter where he is.
OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD

This award recognizes a high school or post-secondary student who exemplifies positive youth engagement and has made an outstanding contribution through their volunteering.
MADELEINE BANMAN

Madeleine Banman has an impressive work ethic and has shown dedication to, and enthusiasm for, the betterment of her community.
This award recognizes a teacher, mentor, or school that has made a significant impact to youth volunteering.
OFFICER ADAM METCALF

Adam Metcalf’s ability to “be present”, to answer questions, to engage in meaningful conversations and to work alongside youth make him an asset and a valuable mentor in our community.
SPECIAL EVENT AWARD

This award recognizes an outstanding volunteer in a special event role.
Katie McArthur’s contributions have come with no expectation of recognition but her efforts have certainly not gone unnoticed.
GROUP INVOLVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes a board whose participants provided valued leadership for their community organization.
The Stanley Park Community Association is a well-organized, active and passionate group which prides itself on making decisions that both guide and support the needs of their community.
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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

Under the unwavering leadership of Jean Howitt and dedicated Committees, the Athlete of the Year Program has recognized and celebrated the sporting achievements and performance of local elite athletes for the past 20 years.
GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD

This award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to their community, cultural group or neighbourhood.
Mike and Mary Ann Lorentz’ vision for a connected and caring neighbourhood has taken shape through selfless volunteerism and fundraising.
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CHRISTINE BABIN

Christine Babin’s efforts have resulted in the preservation of more food, less waste and more options for families in need; she is truly a “Nourishing Neighbour”.
OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes a board member or leadership volunteer who has supported community through organization leadership.
Under the leadership of Gary Price, the Idea Exchange has a clear and focused mandate to “support and inspire our community in the exploration of reading, arts, innovation and learning”.
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Duaa Al-Aghar is a humble, selfless individual, who is devoted to improving the lives of others and has impacted diverse and extensive sectors of our community through a myriad of endeavours.
VOLUNTEER MANAGER AWARD

This award recognizes a paid or unpaid manager of volunteers who enthusiastically leads to create a volunteer-friendly community.
CHRISTINE KLIEVER

The success of the Belmont Village Bestival would not have been possible without the talents and hard work of Christine Kliever.
VOLUNTEER IMPACT AWARD

This award recognizes an extraordinary contribution from a nominee who has created a lasting impression on our community through their passion, inspiration, and commitment.
HOCKEY HELPS THE HOMELESS COMMITTEE

The Hockey Helps the Homeless Committee is a group of 14 business persons, retirees and community builders who have come together to improve the lives of those who require shelter services.
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KATE MERRIFIELD

At the King Edward Public School Breakfast Program, Kate Merrifield provides a caring smile and a sense of security that the children need.
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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR DIGNITARIES

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!