



In celebration of National Volunteer week outstanding volunteers in 8 different categories were recognized on April 13th during the 15th annual Volunteer Calgary Leadership Awards. Volunteer Calgary would like to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers in our city who dedicated thousands of hours everyday to supporting our community

2011 Leadership Awards Nominees List

Volunteer Animal Sponsored by Volunteer Calgary

Nominees: Roxy, Golden Lab • Tallulah, Labradoodle Trini, Spanish Water Dog • Wally, Yellow Lab

Nominated by: Foothills Country Hospice • Tom Baker Centre Alanna Cline • Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)

Leader in Volunteer Management Sponsored by Suncor Energy Inc.

Nominees: Karen Gallagher-Burt • Kimberly Feodoroff LeeAnne Alexander • Valerie Dunn

Nominated by: Distress Centre Calgary • Calgary Legal Guidance NeighbourLink Calgary • Big Brothers Big Sisters Calgary Area

Leaders in Employee Volunteering Sponsored by Chevron Canada Resources

Nominees: Albi Renova Ltd. • Dr. Bradley Krusky, Pediatric Dentistry • Cenovus Energy Inc. • Deloitte & Touche LLP • HedKandi Salons • Ideaca • Nexen Inc. • PwC Shaw Communications Inc. • Stikeman Elliott LLP • Sysco Calgary • Urban Systems Ltd.

Nominated by: Children's Cottage Society of Calgary • Dexterity Consulting Inn From the Cold Society • Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada • The Mustard Seed Dexterity Consulting • Nexen Inc. • PwC • Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Stikeman Elliott LLP • Sysco Calgary • Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)

Leaders of Tomorrow Sponsored by Encana

Nominees: Diego Chiacchia • Ethan Drage • Hajira Qureshi • Iman Abdulla Jasmine Kassam • Jason Ma • Jessica Boran • Jocelyn Davis • Jocelyn Stock Julia Pastega • Julie Macdonald • Krishnan Hariharan • Kristina Burt • Laurie Walker Maria Pastega • Mariam Abdul Hadi • Meng Zhao • Mengshu Shen • Natalia Dzieza Quinn McSwiney • Rebecca Cyr • Renato Niro • Samantha Brown • Sarah James Sasha Selby • Stephen McPhee • Teddy Lane • Wil Kao • William Fodor

Nominated by: Our Lady of Peace • Epilepsy Association of Calgary James Fowler High School • Chestermere Lake Middle School • Youth Central Youth Central • Crescent Heights High School • Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Western Canada High School • St. Michael School • West Island College • Calgary Public Library • West Island College • Calgary Fire Department • Bishop Carroll High School • Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary • Youth Central • Western Canada High School • St. Rose of Lima • St. Helena Junior High School • St. Rose of Lima • St. Rose of Lima • Youth Central • Crescent Heights High School • West Island College Stephen's Backpacks for Children in Need Society • Inn From the Cold Society Calgary Immigrant Services Calgary • King George School

Leader in Volunteer Engagement Sponsored by Enbridge Inc.

Nominees: AIDS Calgary Three-Tier Volunteer Engagement Program Bethany Care Society Volunteer Services Department • Calgary Corporate Challenge Children's Legal & Educational Resource Centre (CLERC) • Enhancing Volunteer Capacity • Gr 9 Leadership • Partnerships in Education • Prospect Human Services Society • RCMP Veteran's Association • Selling Smiles 101 • Soup Sisters The Good Life Community Bicycle Shop

Nominated by: AIDS Calgary Awareness Association • Bethany Care Society Calgary Corporate Challenge Association • Children's Legal & Educational Resource Centre (CLERC) • Calgary Immigrant Women's Association • MidSun School Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) • Prospect Human Services Society Fort Calgary • Children's Wish Foundation • Soup Sisters • The Good Life Community Bicycle Shop

Volunteer in Profile Sponsored by CTV Calgary

Nominees: Barbara Ross • Cecile Bengtsson • Cindy Bakala Dale Richards • Frances Douglas • Gordon Litke • Howard Christianson Huguette Monroe • Jeff Tilley • Mary Turri • Paul Gomes • Sarah Tanouye

Nominated by: Inn From the Cold Society • L'Arche Association of Calgary Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada • Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary • Chinook Learning Services, CBE • NeighbourLink Calgary • Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society • Discovery House Family Violence Prevention Society • Big Brothers Big Sisters Calgary and Area • Fig Tree Foundation Sonshine Community Services

Volunteer Family Sponsored by Devon Canada Corporation

Nominees: Audrey Lane, Rowan, Grayson, Polly, Robin COCKETT Greg & Tracy HUTERSALL and Ryan MARSHALL

Brayden, Aurora, Andrew, Mackenzie WILLIAMS

Nominated by: Alberta Wilderness Association • Multiple Sclerosis Society Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta

Heart of Calgary Sponsored by ConocoPhillips Canada

Nominees: Ashid Kumar Bahl • Brian McGregor • Cam Stewart Carol Smith • Gerry McConery • John Sherbut • Lorne Haggarty Maureen Proctor • Munira Nagji • Sandy Gibson

Nominated by: For the Love of Children Society of Alberta • Wellspring Calgary Calgary Leams • Aspen Lodge (MCF Housing for Seniors) • AIDS Calgary Awareness Association • Dexterity Consulting • Distress Centre Calgary • Calgary Public Library Alberta Distance Learning Centre • Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary



HEART OF CALGARY AWARD

Sponsored by ConocoPhillips

Recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding lifetime contribution to the Calgary community.



Brian McGregor, a lifelong Calgary volunteer recently founded a volunteer-run organization called Cancervive. Brian has spent his entire life, since his teenage years devoted to helping others and his community. After his own battle with Cancer Brian was even more inspired to volunteer and initiated a Calgary to Austin non-stop bike relay. Brian has raised approx \$400,000 each year with this ride and his group of dedicated riders. His latest initiative the Warrior Challenge, another completely volunteer run initiative, helps cancer survivors train for and take part in the Livestrong Challenge event in the United States.



Leader in Volunteer Engagement

Sponsored by Enbridge

Recognizes a Calgary non-profit organization that has developed an innovative & successful volunteer program.



The Good Life Bicycle Shop is a community bicycle repair, education, and resource centre. The Shop's Work Trade program gives bike enthusiasts the opportunity to put volunteer time spent on project towards earning their own bike or parts. The program is flexible, open to Calgarians of all ages, genders, cultures, and incomes and to those who just want to "drop-in" to help. The Good Life offers a program to reinvigorate passion for community involvement and volunteering, something which is rarely available to individuals coping with poverty.

Jackie Mann, Jonny Barrett and the whole team from The Good Life Community Bike Shop



Volunteer Family Award

Sponsored by Devon

Recognizes a family that volunteers together as a team, inspiring one another to become lifelong volunteers.



The Cockett Family, Polly, Robin, Audrey (17), Rowan (21), and Grayson(23) truly embody the spirit of volunteerism and have turned a passion for the outdoors into family affair! The Cockett family has volunteered over the years for a number of environmentally-focused organizations, such as Alberta Wilderness Association & City of Calgary's Adopt-A-Park. They have participated in numerous environmental projects and most recently Polly and Robin volunteered as cross country skiing instructors with Bow Waters and as stewards/lecturers for the Calgary Parks Biodiversity Conservation program in Nose Hill Park.

Robin and Polly Cockett pictured (in the photo Grayson, Audrey & Rowan Cockett)



Volunteer Animal Award

Recognizes an animal that demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism and serves as a reminder to us that volunteering can occur in various forms.

Tallulah is distinguished as the first canine co-therapist in Alberta Health Services, Calgary. In addition to her previous experience visiting seniors and helping children read through Story Pals, Tallulah is currently involved in couple and family therapy sessions. Her calming presence, coupled with her enthusiasm and empathic stance, make Tallulah a valued member of her multidisciplinary team.

Tallulah Quinn and her owner Martina Quinn



Volunteer in Profile Award

Sponsored by CTV

Recognizes a volunteer's commitment to a Volunteer Calgary member organization in the previous year. It is an extension of Volunteer Calgary's partnership with CTV which features volunteer profiles monthly.



Howard Christianson - Howard's most unique quality is his gift of time, and he gives of his time on a daily basis. Howard is not stranger to the ICU2 program with Neighborlink, as he shows up to deliver food hampers and baby hampers to the clients of the program. The ICU2 program supports children from birth to the age of two, and provides for them the necessities of life to have the best possible start in life. Howard has been a part of this program for the past 6 years and has donated 7800+ hours to this program and organization.



Leader in Volunteer Management Award

Karen Gallagher-Burt- Volunteer Program Supervisor – Distress Centre Calgary

The Distress Centre needs a solid volunteer pool of approximately 150 committed and highly trained volunteers on the crisis lines 24 hours a day. It is Karen Gallagher-Burt who oversees the mentorship and relationship building with volunteers to keep them engaged & connected. Karen makes volunteers feel valued and ensures their concerns are managed.



Leaders of Tomorrow Award

Sponsored by Encana



Senior High -Jocelyn Davis "No matter what life might throw at me, I feel solid and grounded inside. This is what volunteering does for me." Jocelyn has taken volunteering to a whole new level as a youth, and is truly passionate about the activities she participates in as a volunteer. Jocelyn has been an active volunteer with the Calgary Inter-Faith food bank, and has been an intricate individual as the president elect in helping to establish the 8th Rung, an international aid agency. Her volunteering efforts have literally affected thousands of people both here in Calgary and across the globe.

Junior High - Rebecca Cyr As Vice President of her student council, a multiple sport athlete and team captain as well as Honours with Distinction student, Rebecca also makes time to volunteer her time both within school and her community. Volunteerism has enabled Rebecca to make new friends, and learn skills while having fun and giving back to her community. Rebecca has decided to dedicate her life to serving others and feels blessed to have the opportunity to "pay it forward" whenever possible.

Elementary - Stephen McPhee When Stephen was just five years old, he became passionate about helping homeless children in his community. From this desire to help, he created a program to fill backpacks with toys, hats and mitts to give these children with nothing of their own. From making and delivering those first 15 backpacks in 2006, Stephen's dream to help homeless children has created a National Charity, Stephen's Backpacks Society, encouraging volunteerism among thousands of area

From L-R: Sr. High winner – Jocelyn Davis, Western Canada H.S., Elementary Winner – Stephen McPhee, Edwards Elementary School, Jr. High Winner – Rebecca Cyr, St Rose of Lima Junior High



Leaders in Employee Volunteering

Sponsored by Chevron



Dr. Brad Krusky Pediatric Dentistry Dr. Krusky's Pediatric clinic is a partnership with two other dentists and has 25 employees. He is also the executive director of an organization called Dentistry for All, which provides dental service to people who would otherwise have no access to them in remote places in Guatemala. His passion for volunteer work is contagious. He has recruited professionals from within his own staff and across North America to join his team. Dr. Krusky taps his corporate connections and suppliers to secure thousands of dollars worth of dental products for this cause. This team of dentists are making a lasting impact one tooth at a time!

HedKandi Salon HedKandi Salon is passionate about giving great haircuts and helping people. Twice a month, stylists go over to the Mustard Seed to cut hair for free, giving homeless people a renewed sense of dignity and a self-esteem boost. The Salon purchased four styling chairs and donated them for this cause. They have also held two fundraising galas for the benefit of the Seed. One Christmas, they cancelled their staff party to help Soup Sisters make 700 hundred bowls of soup for the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter. HedKandi employees show commitment to sharing time and talents with the less fortunate in the community.

Sysco Calgary Sysco measures success in more than just dollars and cents. They have engaged in volunteer work in many different capacities such as hunger relief, education and development, environment protection and community outreach and with many non-profit agencies. They have five internal committees that drive their events, activities, awareness and engagement within the internal community as they serve the greater community – all supported by the company. Sysco Calgary embodies the company's commitment: We live and work in the communities we serve so we work hard to preserve the environment and improve the local community

From L-R: Randy White, President of Sysco Calgary; Michelle Mayne and Jereme Bokitch, HedKandi Salons; Dr Brad Krusky, Pediatric Dentistry