



Canada 150 New Brunswick Southwest Community Leadership Award Presentation by Karen Ludwig, Member of Parliament

Cathie Ayer - Village of Harvey

Cathie has dedicated many years and her talents to beautification projects in the Village of Harvey. Cathie's many projects started by bringing together a group of local volunteers. Together, they have worked to hang flower baskets during the summer, make improvements to the gardens in Davis Park and at the Harvey Lakeshore, and even create a berm for the entrance to the walking trail. She has spent countless hours promoting the importance of making the community a more beautiful place to live and is a perfect example of what it means to be a citizen, for that matter, she defines what it is to be a Canadian.

Nominated by: Brad Howse and Richard Corey



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Frank M. Carroll – Village of McAdam

Frank has volunteered at the Lakeland Sheltered Workshop in McAdam for more than 30 years. Today, as many as 30 individuals are gainfully and usefully employed, providing them with meaningful involvement in the community. Frank has volunteered countless hours at the McAdam Historical Society working to restore the station. Again, through that work, he has engaged youth by providing jobs, catering and leading tours. Frank's true talents are on display every year during "Christmas at the Station", where you can count on spending a spectacular evening once you are greeted and entertained by Frank as the conductor and his sister Elsie. It is most memorable! Frank, and the entire Carroll family have made a tremendous contribution to their community, the Village of McAdam.

Nominated by: Douglas Goss and Ken Stannix



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Laura Lee Carrier – St. George

Laura Lee Carrier is the epitome of a person who practices inclusion every day. While the New Brunswick Association of Community Living has experienced her work through the Eastern Charlotte Association for Community Living, others have benefitted from her efforts with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the St. George and Area Food Bank, the local chapter of the Canadian Cancer society, MADD and other charities to which she has dedicated her time. One of the most impressive things about Laura Lee is her ability to see the value of every person. Including people is a way of life for Laura Lee. For her, it is just right thing to do.

Nominated by: New Brunswick Association of Community Living and Faith Avery



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Fuat Gumushel - St. Andrews

Fuat Gumushel was born in southern Turkey. Growing up, he could not afford the books to attend school beyond grade 5, so he went to the local tailor shop and asked to be an apprentice. He met another tailor who told him that Canada was a better place to live than the United States and in 1965 he arrived at Pier 21 in Halifax with \$300 in his pocket and the name Julius Berzins - a European tailor in St. Andrews. Eventually, Fuat took over and ran a tailor shop, a very successful business on Water Street. He has always been involved in his community, serving in the local Lions Club. Most recently, Fuat has volunteered a great deal of his time to help Syrian refugees to the region adjust and feel at home. He speaks five languages and may be one of the proudest Canadians you will ever meet!

Nominated by: Andrew Lively and Patrick Mowatt



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Robin Hanson – Village of Fredericton Junction

Robin has done a lot for the community of Fredericton Junction. He almost single-handedly developed the Currie House Historic Site Park by carving exhibits of First Nations contributions. He invited First Nation school children from the St. Mary's and Oromocto First Nations communities to tour the exhibits including the Peterson Park Canoe using a map of historic portage routes. Robin spearheaded the application for Disability Access Grant to pave the trail behind the Currie House. He has been instrumental in the Gateway Marsh. He is founding President of the Oromocto Watershed Association and has passionately worked to protect our streams and waterways.

Nominated by: David Olive and Wayne Baker



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Jim Hawkins - Beaver Harbour

Jim has done a tremendous amount of volunteer work to establish, maintain and grow the Beaver Harbour Community Archives. His interest in preserving the history of the area, and specifically Beaver Harbour, has been a passion for over 20 years. Now 83, Jim has spent countless hours fundraising, sharing his knowledge, greeting tourists, applying for grants to hire students, meeting with seniors and researching articles and photos for the archives. He attends many events and often helps behind the scenes. Today, the archives are a magnificent representation of the local history, and his work.

Nominated by: Susan Hill and Andrea Hawkins



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Sharon Ingalls - Grand Manan

Sharon does many things for many people that go unnoticed. She never "lets on" that she was the one who helped with something but the residents of the Grand Manan Nursing home, where her mother is a resident, know her well. Almost every evening, she and one or more of her children and grandchildren visit. In July, they decorated the entire nursing home for Canada Day. Residents received t-shirts, participated in crafts and had a party. Everyone was engaged. In addition to this, she serves the community with her work as an EMT and is actively involved in the family-owned fishing business. Sharon enriches the lives of many residents in her beloved community.

Nominated by: Holly Greenlaw and Connie London



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Carol Jackson - St. Stephen

Carol joined the Kiwanis Club of St. Stephen in 2003. For the past several years, she has taken a leadership role with the high school Key Club, driving students to a Key Leadership course at CFB Gagetown. She has taken a leadership role with the Aktion Club, giving individuals living with disabilities a fulfilling role in the community. She is a dedicated fundraiser for each one of the groups she belongs to, chairing an annual golf tournament and lending her organizational skills to the Touch a Truck event. Carol does not seek attention or praise but certainly deserves to be recognized for her work and valuable contribution to her community.

Nominated by: Roger Alain and Deidre Rideout



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Adelaide (Ady) King - Island View

Ady King is a passionate young leader who actively works to better her community and the world around her. This past fall, she planned and facilitated a forum called “Shaking the Movers” in collaboration with the Child and Youth Advocate’s Office of New Brunswick. Following the forum, Ady presented the findings and recommendations in the New Brunswick Legislature. She is a 2017 Vimy Pilgrimage Award recipient. She is passionate about sharing her knowledge of children's rights with youth in the community. Most recently, she was selected to attend a National Youth Ambassadors Caucus in Ottawa as a Global Vision Junior Team Canada Ambassador because of her strong youth leadership.

Nominated by: Amber Chisholm and Christian Whalen



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Debby Lord - St. Andrews

Debby has done so much for our youth in St. Andrews through her work at the Community Youth Activity Centre. She demonstrates inclusion, helping many children with learning and behaviour issues to become good citizens. We all stand to learn a lot from Debby's positive attitude and strong work ethic. She has overcome many personal hardships while always helping others in any way she could. She has spent countless hours teaching children how to grow their own food in a garden and how to preserve their produce. The difference she makes in the lives of youth, and her community is significant, and most admirable.

Nominated by: Cindy Needler and David Needler



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Dr. Lois Mitchell - Deer Island

Dr. Lois Mitchell (PhD, UNB) launched the Department of International Studies at St. Stephen's University (SSU) in 2012, and is the director of the department. With this unique program, she introduces students to environmental stewardship and reconciliation with indigenous peoples. Her classes compel students to create their own sustainable artifacts to demonstrate care for our land. In response to the Truth and Reconciliation Process and subsequent Calls to Action, Dr. Mitchell advances the cause of the local Passamaquoddy tribe. Her initiative sets a foundation for a continuing journey of dialogue, learning, and restitution, along with creating experiences for the student body and local community to learn more about indigenous peoples.

Nominated by: Mark Peterson and Sarah MacPhail



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Helen Morag McKinnon – Waterville

Helen has dedicated her life to music and the performing arts in Fredericton and surrounding areas. Whatever Helen takes on, she does it with dedication, enthusiasm and determination. Helen is Director of the Lintuhtine Choir, formed in Oromocto in 1985. The choir has members ranging from age five to adults in their eighties. The core group are children ages nine to eighteen. Helen knows every child's strengths and weaknesses and constantly encourages, praises and inspires them to perform to the best of their abilities, and in return they respect and admire her. She instills in them a sense of community awareness and responsibility. Everything Helen McKinnon does is done with humility and grace.

Nominated by: Barbara MacKinnon and Jean Yves Desjardins



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Pastor Edward Powell – Grand Bay-Westfield

Pastor Powell is known and respected throughout the community of Grand Bay-Westfield as a positive, motivated volunteer with an amazing ability to accomplish worthwhile projects to the benefit of our residents. He was the Pastor at Grand Bay Baptist Church from 2001-2014 and has been a long-time community supporter involved in such things as Litter Clean Up programs and still continues pick up litter on his regular walks in the community. He is known for his Acts of Kindness, including tokens of appreciation for area businesses and municipal employees. Currently, Pastor Powell participates in the school ELF (Early Literacy Reading Program) and supports the Refugee Families Project in the region.

Nominated by: Mayor Grace Losier and Council



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Cory Ryan, Lt (N) Retired - Grand Bay-Westfield

Lt (N) Cory Ryan is known and respected throughout the community as a positive, motivated volunteer with an amazing ability to accomplish worthwhile projects to the benefit of our residents. Lt (N) Ryan has played a significant role in initiating and organizing the 2016 Veteran Banners Project. He serves as Chair of the Allergic Reaction Committee and the Allergic Reaction Project. As Vice President of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #22, Lt (N) Cory provides a vital contribution to the branch on an ongoing basis and helps organize the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies. Lt (N) Cory is a motivated leader who contributes to his community by donating countless hours to enhance the lives of others.

Nominated by: Mayor Grace Losier and Council