



United Way of Greater Simcoe County

Community Leadership Awards

Background:

2007 was the inaugural year to identify adult community leaders for nomination to be awarded the United Way of Greater Simcoe County (UWGSC) Community Leadership Award. In 2008 the awards were expanded to include Youth and Student leader categories. In 2009, the Student category was awarded to the Ramara Youth Committee (Ellie Ruggles, William Johnstone and Grant Mask), who paved the way for Ramara youth to be involved in recreational and future planning for Ramara Township. The Youth category was won by Thomas Cole, who is an incredible asset to the Early Psychosis Intervention Program at Canadian Mental Health Association and the youth in our community. He connects with peers, breaks down stigma and spreads the message of hope and is an inspiration to all. The Adult category was awarded to Amanda McNulty, who is dedicated to raising awareness and acceptance of Autism Spectrum Disorders through her work as President of Autism Ontario – Simcoe County Chapter. These awards will be presented annually at UWGSC's Annual General Meeting at the end of June.

Nomination and Award Selection Process:

Individuals and organizations are invited to submit a nomination for adult, youth or student community leaders in accordance with the provisions set out in the award nomination form. This nomination must be supported by two letters of reference and be received at UWGSC offices no later than May 17th 2010 of each year.

UWGSC's Board of Directors will convene an Ad Hoc awards committee to screen and review award nominations. Award recipients will be informed of this decision in early June so that preparation can be made to attend the AGM. Award nominations not selected will be informed in writing to the person or group submitting the award nomination.

Community Leadership Award Criteria

Adult – 30 years +

Youth – 19 to 29 years

Student – 18 and under

In addition to their regular involvement in volunteer activities, community leader volunteers go the extra mile to get involved in programs and activities that benefit the communities in which they live and work. These individuals have demonstrated a significant community accomplishment and displayed leadership qualities, initiative, creativity, and dedication. Through their involvement, they inspire others to get involved and make a difference in the lives of others.

- Leadership – Ability to motivate and inspire others to accomplish a specific goal or objective.
- Initiative – Demonstrates ability to take charge by creating or developing a program, project, or activity that impacts the community. Has a personal commitment to see the project through to its resolution with determined effort.
- Creativity – Develops/proposes creative ways to accomplish the goals and objectives of the project.
- Dedication – Is recognized by others for being dedicated to achieving the desired results. Accomplishes much within the community by his or her pursuit, courage, enthusiasm, and zeal.
- Recognition - Recognized by others for their commitment to the success of the initiative.



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Nomination Application

Nominee Information:

Name:

Organizational Affiliation:

Position (if applicable)

Street Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

E-mail address:

Award Category:

- Community Leadership Award – Adult (30+ years)**

- **Community Leadership Award – Youth (19-29 years)**
- **Community Leadership Award – Student (18 years and younger)**

Contribution Description (describe why you feel this individual or group should receive an award including what was achieved, how it impacted the community and how leadership qualities were demonstrated) – Please restrict to 500 words maximum.

Location of Project:

Particular Obstacles or Challenges Overcome:

Nominator Information

Name:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

E-mail address:

- 2 Letters of Reference Attached (can include testimonials)**
- Other supporting material (press releases, brochures, newsletters)**

UWGSC is collating information for the sole purpose of evaluating nominations for UWGSC's annual Community Leadership Awards for Adults, Youth and Students. Information provided on the nomination form will only be disclosed to relevant staff and Board members involved in screening and selection. The names of finalists, reasons for their nomination and awards category will only be disclosed to press and other media. It should be noted that applications for the Award will be kept for a period of three years.

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