

34th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards

April 24, 2008

Sixty-six representative volunteer awards were presented along with four specialty awards. Recipients of this year's specialty awards are listed below. Citations for representative volunteer awards and specialty awards follow the Award Descriptions.

- Volunteer Youth of the Year Award – Katie Brousseau
- Building Healthier Futures Corporate Award – Scotiabank Bridgetown
- Family Volunteer Award – Nicholson Family, Kentville
- Model Volunteer Community of the Year Award – Town of Canso
- Representative Volunteer Award - listing of recipients follows the award descriptions

Awards Presented (Descriptions)

Representative Volunteer Award

Award is given to volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution in their community. Municipalities, towns and villages select one volunteer who will come forward on behalf of all the volunteers in their area to be recognized. This award is bestowed only once to an individual.

Model Volunteer Community Award

Recognizes a community that has shown ongoing support for volunteers that has worked together as a community on a project or projects to enhance the lives of its members, and managed, through the support of volunteers, to make their community a better place in which to live.

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Recognizes a youth who has made a significant contribution as a volunteer.

Building Healthier Futures Corporate Award

Recognizes a corporation that has made significant contributions through support and encouragement of employee volunteerism or shown corporate support for community initiatives.

Volunteer Family Award

Non-profit organizations, community groups, businesses, individuals and municipalities may nominate a family in Nova Scotia that have made outstanding contributions as volunteers. The recipient will be a family who has demonstrated outstanding and consistent caring for the improvement of the community around them.

Citations:

Representative Volunteer Awards Cape Breton

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality is pleased to present **Ann Marion Willis** as a 2008 Representative Volunteer. A Grade 12 Honours student at Riverview High School, Ann is interested in music, reading, fitness and people and has been involved in volunteer work through her school and within her community over the past several years. In 2004, Ann Marion began her participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program, Young Canadians Challenge, an International Program designed to promote leadership, life skills, service commitment, self-reliance and a sense of adventure in young people between the ages of 14 and 25. Ann Marion also participates in extra-curricular cadet activities and is an active member of the Riverview Interact Club within her high school. The club promotes volunteer work on local, national and international levels. Volunteer work has become part of Ann Marion's daily life and she continues to display leadership in many different events.

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality is proud to present **Meghan Detheridge** as one of their 2008 Representative Volunteers. In 2005, Meghan took the initiative to spearhead the formation of a local youth and adult skateboarding society and led the group to raise more than \$300,000 to construct a 12, 000 sq.ft. Skateboarding facility. The facility has become a place for local youth to socialize, develop skills and confidence, and be physically active in a SAFE environment. Meghan ensured local youth were involved from day one in every aspect of the project. A native Cape Bretoner, Meghan is the Regional Physical Activity Coordinator for Cape Breton Island and has worked to support the Active Kids Healthy Kids Strategy. Meghan's volunteerism, selflessness and dedication greatly benefit her community. She is indeed an excellent example of an outstanding community volunteer.

The Municipality of the County of Inverness proudly presents **Donald MacLellan** from Skye Glen, Inverness County as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Donnie has been a member of the Whycocomagh Fire Department since 1995. He served as Lieutenant in the BA Company, as Captain of the Hose Company and as a Director and Secretary of the Fire Department for the past nine years. He has completed his Emergency Health Services Air Medical Transport Program as well as his Level 1 training. Donnie is always ready to give a helping hand to anyone in his community and is a wonderful example of a true volunteer. The Municipality of Inverness County is honoured to have you represent the County this year and, along with the Whycocomagh Fire Department, the County says "Thank You" for all your years of service.

The Municipality of the County of Richmond proudly presents **Kevin Lewis** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Mr. Lewis has made many valuable contributions to his small community of L'Ardoise. He is presently serving a two-year term as the newly elected President of L'Ardoise Economic Association for Development. Kevin has also served as both Treasurer and Director for the Association. Some of their projects include compiling a business directory, renovating the Community Centre and overseeing the

L'Ardoise C@P Site. Kevin has volunteered at the Cap Site by doing an assessment of existing equipment, purchasing new computers and bringing high speed Internet to the facility. Kevin is proud to accept this award on behalf of all Richmond County Volunteers.

The Municipality of Victoria County is proud to present **Amy MacKinnon** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Amy is an outstanding volunteer for communities in Northern Cape Breton. She currently sits on the board of directors for the Northern Victoria Community Centre, Cape North Lobsterpalooza Festival, Victoria County CAPS Sites Association and the Provincial Advisory Committee for the Rural Philanthropy Project for Nova Scotia. She is the volunteer coordinator of the Bay St. Lawrence Community Centre and helps organize programs, events and festivals for the community including a highly successful Winter Carnival. She excels in project proposals and is always helping community groups write up their projects. She takes pride in bringing communities together for festivals and events, for programs such as Rural Philanthropy, for youth programs and for using recreation facilities. A normal volunteer week for Amy is 30 plus hours.

The Town of Port Hawkesbury is pleased to present **Kilmer Meagher** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer of the Year. Kilmer volunteers not for the recognition but for the benefit of his community. Kilmer is the Commodore of the Strait of Canso Yacht Club and works closely with the Strait Area Waterfront Development Society. He served on the 2007 Tall Ships Committee, is an active member of his church and a member of the Ecumenical Choir. Kilmer pioneered Little League Baseball in Port Hawkesbury and played and coached intermediate baseball. He also coached Baseball and Hockey at the Bantam and Midget levels. Over the years Kilmer has catered Remembrance Day meals for veterans and dignitaries. Kilmer is passionate about the causes he supports. Congratulations Kilmer!

Highland Region

The Town of Mulgrave is pleased to present **Karen Lundrigan** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer for the Town of Mulgrave. For 14 years Karen and her husband organized and ran the Mulgrave Youth Soccer program, ending each season by hosting a tournament during Scotia Days. Each year more than 12 teams and three hundred children participate in the tournament. Karen has coached volleyball and basketball at the Mulgrave Memorial Education Centre as well as assisted with fundraising and various events and activities. For three years Karen helped organize and run the Mulgrave Invitational Golf Tournament held at the former Belmont Golf Resort, with more than 60 golfers participating. Karen assists with the Mulgrave Winter Carnival and Scotia Days Festival. She devotes many hours and a good portion of her summer to help organize and run Scotia Days events. As she does in her personal and professional life, Karen always gives 150% and is an enormous asset to our community.

The Town of Canso is pleased to present **Howard Jackson** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. For over 10 years Howie has been involved with Minor Hockey and has been instrumental in getting things done for the program. As a coach, Howie has shown great leadership to the youth, expressing to them the importance of being good ambassadors. Hockey Nova Scotia's motto is "to lead, develop and promote positive hockey experiences" and we feel that Howie does this each and every time he is coaching or cheering for the Canso Bluefins. Even when his own son is no longer playing Howie is coaching the Midget team again this year. Howie is also a volunteer with the Canso Fire Dept. and Guysborough County Inshore Fisherman's Association. His dedication to his community is second to none.

The Municipality of the District of Guysborough proudly presents **Carmel Avery** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Carmel has been dedicated and committed to increasing the quality of life in her community. Carmel has been a Cub leader for three years, a member of the Guysborough Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and an annual canvasser for the Canadian Cancer Society. As a member of the St Ann's Parish, she has been President of the Ladies Aid from 1995 to 2005, a Religion Teacher from 2000 to 2006 and a member of the St Ann's Liturgy Committee from 1996 to the present. As the Chairperson for the Guysborough Swim Program Society, Carmel is responsible for overseeing the Guysborough Red Cross Learn to Swim Program which has had over 130 participants in the past 5 years. Carmel is responsible for the hiring of the swim instructors and works cooperatively with the Municipal Recreation Department in the operation of the outdoor heated pool. Congratulations Carmel.

The Municipality of the County of Antigonish is pleased to present **Gertie Pettipas** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Gertie has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Tracadie & District Volunteer Fire Department for 31 years. She is in her fourth year as the Ladies Auxiliary President. Gertie has been the Captain of her area for 25 years and also organizes the weekly bingo games. She is a 31 year member of St. Peter's Catholic Women's League in Tracadie serving as President for six years. Gertie was a Regional Convener for 25 years. She has also served as a Girl Guide Leader, 4-H Leader

and Religious Education Teacher. Thank-you Gertie for everything you have done and continue to do for your community.

The Town of Antigonish proudly presents, life-long, volunteer **Alex Chisholm** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Alex has offered his time and talents to an extensive list of causes. A 16 year member of the St. Ninian's Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society and currently serves as its Treasurer. Alex has been a long time member of St. Ninian's Parish senior choir and St. Ninian's Council 1105 Knights of Columbus. He is also a member and treasurer of the R. K. MacDonald Nursing Home Foundation. Alex has logged countless hours driving seniors to appointments and to various locations in Pictou County and Halifax. In the 1970's, Alex was involved in the Christopher Leadership Course. He is readily available to assist friends and neighbors with various projects. Alex has always answered the call, giving his time to make the community a better place to live.

The Municipality of the District of Saint Mary's is pleased to present **Robert Kelly** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Bob's volunteer taxi runs from the Sherbrooke's Highcrest Nursing Home every Tuesday evening for carpet bowling in Sherbrooke. On Wednesdays, Bob's cab heads to evening darts. He also runs the Sherbrooke to Antigonish route weekly taking a group to bowling in Antigonish followed by lunch. Bob's volunteer spirit doesn't stop on the highways. He is the Trustee and Elder of the St. John's United Church and an active member of the St. Mary's River Association. This past summer Bob volunteered numerous hours working to reseal and paint windows at the United Church. Sherbrooke would be a different place without Bob. Thank you Bob for everything you do for your community.

The County of Pictou is pleased to present **Gene Cole** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. As a member of the RCMP stationed throughout Nova Scotia, Gene has been involved in various volunteer initiatives. He spent over 20 years with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Millions program, being named one of the top 10 fundraisers for several consecutive years. He has worked with the Pictou County food banks, has been a curling instructor, and sat on the Board of Managers for First Church. He was a founding member of the Toastmasters Clubs in Lunenburg and Sydney, and was instrumental in starting the Caribou Scout Troop acting as Scout Master. Presently Gene generously gives of his time to the Lansdowne Outdoor Recreational Development Association, which provides an easily accessible recreation facility that is enjoyed by seniors, the mentally and physically challenged and other shut-ins who seldom have the opportunity to enjoy the natural outdoors.

The Town of Pictou is proud to present **Eleanor Heighton** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Eleanor has been an active member of the Monarchists League of Canada, Northumbria Branch assisting with many events and worthwhile projects. She is a life member of the Canadian Bible Society presenting Bibles to newly baptized infants. Eleanor actively supports the sick in her community and organizes support for those in need. She has served as a Parish Representative to the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia. Eleanor has been supportive of various door to door campaigns such as the Canadian Cancer Society and the Kidney Foundation. Eleanor is a special person, held in high regard by everyone who knows her and is an inspiration to all.

The Town of Trenton is pleased to recognize **Cindy MacKinnon** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Cindy has been an active volunteer in her community for many years. Her dedication to the Home and School Association is no exception. Cindy volunteered at various school events and for a few years oversaw the daunting task of putting together the school yearbook. Cindy is a working mom who juggles her work, family and volunteer activities very effectively. Cindy was instrumental in organizing pancake breakfasts for the students of Trenton Elementary and for bringing "Santa" to the school during the Christmas Season. She is a dedicated volunteer and is a valued member of the school community.

The Town of New Glasgow proudly presents **Howard Beck** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Long before the town had a new recreation facility, Howard's number one commitment over the winter months was the creation of an outdoor rink in the north end. He could be seen spending countless hours, shoveling and flooding the ice. He was instrumental in spearheading the current rink and can be seen most evenings tying skates for young children or assisting with making ice. He has volunteered at local ball tournaments, dances for children and adults, summer programs, organizing hockey night in the North End as well as all aspects of our Chocolate Festival. Howard also volunteers at the John Brother MacDonald Stadium with the Weeks Junior A Crushers home games, keeping statistics for the penalty box or goal judge. Howard exemplifies the true spirit of being a volunteer and without him the children of the North End of New Glasgow would not be as fortunate.

Highland and Fundy Regions

The Town of Stellarton is pleased to present Roger Fleming as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. No stranger to volunteerism and civic pride, Roger was a volunteer fire fighter for 14 years and served on the Executive much of that time. Roger was an active member in his church, and Boy Scouts. As an active Rotarian, he was honored by the Club for his humanitarianism. When his health required him to take early retirement, it led him to his life's work with the food bank which he started in a small basement. This snowballed into the Pictou County Food Bank East, where Roger sat as their first Chairman of the Board. His 18 years of tireless work on behalf of the food bank earned him the Queen's Jubilee Medal. Roger has recently retired his managerial duties but is still involved with the Board of Directors and keeps in touch with the volunteers.

The Town of Westville is proud to present **Raymond Cameron** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. At the age of 18 Raymond became a volunteer firefighter with the Westville Fire Department and has been volunteering ever since. He organized the Junior Fire Fighters and was the Department's first Training Officer. Although retired due to ill health, he is an Honorary Fireman assisting with various functions. In 1968 he organized the Westville Police Boys Club. He served on Westville Town Council for 17 years, organizing the New Year's Levee and serving on countless committees. Raymond was instrumental in the development of the Acadia Park and having the Miner's Monument moved to a fitting section of that park. As an active member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church he has served his church in numerous ways. His volunteer contributions in his Town are commendable, no one has done more than Raymond and we thank him for his volunteer efforts and dedication.

The Municipality of the County of Cumberland is proud to present **Jean Miller** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. In 1987, Jean joined the Highland View Regional Hospital Auxiliary. She has served as Secretary, Vice President and President of the Auxiliary. She also represented the hospital Auxiliary on the "Above and Beyond" Campaign that raised 7.5 million dollars for the new hospital with the Auxiliary itself raising and donating \$200,000. Jean also tutors students and volunteers at the local museum, at Gables Lodge and donates her time to help out at the local flu clinics. Jean assists with the Autumn House International Women's Day Celebration, and is a board member, canvasser and Vice President of the Arthritis Society as well as the Captain of the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

The Town of Oxford is proud to present **Wendy Chapman** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Wendy is president of the Oxford Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary. She has been a member of the Auxiliary for 15 years and served on the Executive for the past 11 years. Wendy has volunteered her time for a number of activities including the Meals on Wheels program, school dances and at the canteen for the fire department. She has also organized a peer mediator program and recruited volunteers to help with local events. Wendy is a mobile Hairdresser. While on the job, she helps clients who need assistance with errands such as banking, getting groceries, and even helping with their housework.

Wendy's clients are very thankful that she is so helpful. She has an uncanny ability for knowing when someone is in need.

Fundy Region:

The Town of Truro is pleased to present **Ernie Lund** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Ernie has given much of his time and effort to many organizations and worthwhile causes that affect his town and his community. He is well-known to the residents of Truro for his involvement in the benefit and welfare of others. Ernie is past president of the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce. He served on several committees with the Chamber and now is considered a life member. Ernie has also served as president and chair of the Kiwanis park committee. He was accorded the position of Division 19 Governor for the Prince Edward Island/ Nova Scotia Kiwanis clubs. Ernie has also served on the Canada Manpower Youth Employment Project and the Truro and Area Industrial Committee. Ernie wrote, photographed and published a bi-monthly newsletter as a member of the Nova Scotia Aviation Council and was elected President of the Council.

The Town of Amherst is proud to present **Lois Wightman** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Lois has been a member of The Canadian Association for Community Living for a number of years. She has assisted in providing leadership towards the development of programs and services for the Bridge Workshop, group home and small option home. As a 16-year member of the Canadian Association for Community Living, Lois has worked to enhance the lifestyle and skill development of people with intellectual disabilities. Lois has also served for 14 years on the Board of Directors for Rupert & Donald House. Lois also volunteers with the Flower of Hope Campaign and has been involved in Scouting for 16 years. She has served as a member of the VON Board for 5 years and works as a canvasser for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Kidney Foundation and Diabetes Association.

The Town of Springhill proudly recognizes **Beverly Sharpe** as their 2008 Representative volunteer. Beverly is a devoted and valuable member of the Salvation Army. She has coordinated the local Red Shield Appeal, volunteers at the Thrift Store, the Christmas Kettle Campaign, Young Pioneer Program, and many, many luncheons. Bev's love of children is obvious by the countless hours she gives to the local elementary schools. She plans the annual Rocking Grannies fundraiser, and helps out each year at the Thanksgiving Dinner. Bev was instrumental in the creation of the Junction Road Elementary School Breakfast Program and has volunteered with the Hot Lunch Program. On more than one occasion, Bev has opened her heart and her home to youth struggling for direction, allowing them to remain in her home for several months while guiding them down the right path

The Town of Parrsboro proudly presents **Beverly Clark** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. For the past several years the Parrsboro Shore Historical Society has been fortunate to have Bev as an active Board member and volunteer. She has been a loyal and dedicated volunteer at St. George's Church serving as a Warden, ACW II and Altar Guild. The Ships Company Theatre has also had the pleasure of having Bev volunteer for various functions. As a member of the Parrsboro Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, Bev donates her time cooking and volunteering. Bev Clarke is a steadfast volunteer - always ready to donate her time to the Parrsboro Shore Historical Society with cooking, teas, suppers and the gift shop. Bev is definitely a model community volunteer. A kind and thoughtful person such as Bev is the essence of volunteering.

The Municipality of Colchester is honored to present **Mildred (Millie) McKim** as Representative Volunteer for 2008. Millie has been a member of many community groups and organizations over the years including: the Colchester Community Health Board, the Old Barns United Church Board of Stewards and their UCW, as well as the Old Barns Progressive Club. She played a key role in having a mammogram clinic brought to the Old Barns area. Millie enjoys bringing smiles to faces at Christmas time through the Christmas Index program. Her most recent community initiative has brought fun and fitness into the community of Old Barns. Millie recognized the need for physical activity for all ages in the community and set out on a mission to make it happen. After countless hours, and numerous community meetings and surveys, Millie has helped create a fun, active aerobics program which meets twice a week to bring fun, fitness and fellowship to many residents in the Old Barns area.

The Village of Bible Hill is honored to have **Rick Hilliard** as the 2008 representative volunteer for this year's provincial volunteer awards. Rick has been involved with scouting for 17 years both as a beaver leader and scout leader. As a scout leader, Rick has participated in three national Jamborees. He has also been the food service co-coordinator for Beaver/Cub Provincial camp. Besides volunteering so many years for Scouts, Rick has sat on the Village of Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee and chaperoned the pre-teen dances for several years. Rick has been a member of the Golden Age Auto Club for five years. He served as Treasurer of the Club and is now in his second year as President. The Golden Age Auto Club is a non-profit club that raises money for local charities through their annual Show and Shine event.

The Municipality of East Hants is pleased to present **Mike Woolridge** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Mike is a 38 year member of the Royal Canadian Legion and was awarded a life membership. In addition to his volunteer work with the Legion, Mike is involved with the Ostomy Association where he was awarded the Maple Leaf Award, the Association's highest honor. Between the Legion and the Ostomy Association, Mike averages forty volunteer hours a week. After Hurricane Juan and White Juan, Mike saw the need for a local emergency plan. He worked with others to secure funding and supports to purchase a large generator which would turn the Enfield Legion into a centre for those in need during an emergency. Mike is devoted to his wife Betty, and their three

children. He is a very proud grandfather and always makes time for anything involving his grandchildren. Congratulations and thank you Mike!

Halifax Regional Municipality

The Halifax Regional Municipality is proud to present **Leon Bonang** as a 2008 Representative Volunteer. Leon has been a devoted volunteer for more than 40 years. Leon has volunteered at the Porter's Lake Community Services Association and the Chezzetcook Fire Department where he was a volunteer fire fighter for 47 years. Leon is always first to lend a hand setting up outdoor rinks, and organizing events and parades. For more than 10 years he has found time to campaign for the Canadian Cancer Society, and for the past eight years he has worked on "Lake n Shore Days", co-chairing and fund raising. Leon has volunteered every Wednesday for more than 5 years at the Community Policing Office. His advice and direction is always appreciated.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to present **Lynn Garagan** as a 2008 Representative Volunteer. Lynn began volunteering in elementary school; it was the beginning of what would become a life long commitment. She volunteered and fund raised for Cornwallis Jr. High, Queen Elizabeth High and for the Sycamore Lane School Library. She was a Beaver Leader and a Catechism Teacher at St. John Vianney Church. Lynn devotes time to the Book-a-Ride Program, Golf Tournament, Craft Sale, Walk-a-Thon, and chairs the Board of Directors and Member Meetings. She is also a member of the 50+ Seniors Club. Lynn's greatest and most rewarding challenge happened when she joined the Sackville Seniors Advisory Council in 1998 where she currently serves as President. Lynn is involved in all activities, and puts in 25 volunteer hours a week. Lynn also co-ordinates the Hot Lunch Program.

Mary Eden Bassett is being recognized as a 2008 Representative Volunteer for the Halifax Regional Municipality. Mary Eden is very dedicated to the organizations she volunteers her time with. She has volunteered for 20 years with Save the Children Canada, nine years with Women for Music Society and five years with the Nova Scotia Choral Federation fundraising and compiling music. She is involved with numerous choirs, sharing her joy of music. I.J. Sampson and Fairview Elementary have benefited from her efforts in tutoring for three years. For 12 years, Mary Eden has been the Librarian at Fairview United Church where she is now into her fourth year on the Board of the Parent n Tot Society, which provides education and support for parents and children. At age 71, Mary Eden is always generous with her time and energy and her community appreciates her dedication.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to present **Kim Briand** as a 2008 Representative Volunteer. Kim's supportive and caring attitude shines in her volunteering. As the Vice Chair of the Mulgrave Park Tenant Association for six years, she has helped conduct fundraising and running programs. Kim is a three-year volunteer board member of the Healthy Kids Mulgrave Park Program. She has given her time as a

board member of S.A.C. at Hyland Park Junior High for two years and St. Joseph's Elementary for 2 yrs. Kim has also volunteered for four years at the Mulgrave Park Food Bank where she is very professional, courteous and supportive with the clients. Congratulations and thank you, Kim. Your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated by your community.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to present **Brenda Saunders-Todd** as a 2008 Representative Volunteer. Brenda's enthusiasm, dedication, and leadership qualities are appreciated by the organizations she works with including The Halifax Women's Network where she has spent nine years organizing, recruiting, fund raising and chairing meetings. For seven years she served as a Council Member and volunteer for the Canadian Red Cross and three years with Toastmasters International which earned her the Distinguished Toastmaster Award. Brenda has also volunteered for The United Way, Adsum House, and Phoenix Youth Programs, each benefiting from her fund raising efforts. Brenda also found time to volunteer as a radio announcer for VoicePrint Canada, serve on the Rotary Club and play an active role in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Coalition For Kids. Brenda also served on the board of A.W.E.N.D.A..

The Halifax Regional Municipality proudly presents **D. Lynn Demont** as Representative Volunteer. Lynn has committed herself to helping improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities within the H.R.M. She volunteers her time to a number of organizations and committees including 20 yrs with Scouts Canada/Beavers, where she started the first group for persons with disabilities in Dartmouth North. Lynn has served 10 years with the Disabled Individuals Alliance organizing Special Events at The Rehabilitation Centre, six years on the Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee, and five years as a board member of the Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunity. Lynn taught Sunday School at Emmanuel Church for four years and, and for two years, she sat on the Board of the Disabled Persons Commission. Selflessly giving 24 hours of her time, weekly, to these commitments, her contribution is worthy of recognition.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to present **Dorothee Elisabeth Conrad** as Representative Volunteer of the Year. Dorothee has been a volunteer and committee board member with the Urban Farm Museum Society for seven years. Her pride in the community is evident in the time and commitment she gives to planting and caring for flowers at the Captain William Spry Centre. She is very involved with the "Come Grow With Us" program which teaches children topics ranging from safety to worm composting. She is also very involved in fund raising. She provides Scarecrow "Bambina" with a new outfit for the Santa Claus Parade every year. Her friendly personality, sense of humor, thoughtfulness and consideration of others make her a good candidate for the Representative Volunteer Award.

Halifax Regional Municipality is proud to present **Liam (Billy) Murphy** as a 2008 Representative Volunteer. Billy is very appreciative of all the things he has in his life both at school and at home and likes to share his gifts and especially likes to help those

who do not have a lot of time left to enjoy life. When Liam was nine years old he saw an ad for the Children's Wish Foundation's WishMaker parade and took the initiative to call the number, offering his time to help. This is what started his current efforts to raise a full \$10,000 for the foundation; the average cost of a wish. Liam volunteers with the Children's Aid Society of Halifax, Child Services Community Care and the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign. Considering that Billy is only 13 years old and has been volunteering for four years is truly remarkable.

Halifax Regional Municipality is proud to present **Jonathan T. Keijser** as Representative Volunteer of the Year. Jonathan is an excellent student, a talented musician, and a genius with all things technical. Throughout his high school years, Jonathan has volunteered his time behind the scenes running the technical aspects of numerous and varied school productions. Not only has he volunteered many hours for his own school but he has also helped run events at other HRM schools, particularly St. Pat's High and Halifax West. Jonathan's calm, capable demeanor is especially appreciated by those who organize the various musical performances and events that he is involved with. Jonathan's production credits, where he served in roles ranging from technical apprentice to technical director, are extensive as are the accolades. Jonathan has received the HRM Citizenship award, The All City Music Centre Art and Music Award, and the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra Bursary.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is proud to present **Dr. Adam Sarty** as a 2008 Representative Volunteer. Adam volunteers with many organizations. He has spent four years coaching and encouraging children at the Sunnyside Running Club, and three at the Bedford Beavers Swim Club. He has served on the Board of Directors at the Discovery Center since 2004, and spent eight years presenting science shows to groups in the P-12 Schools, and to community groups within HRM and throughout the province. Dr. Sarty has been a Science Fair Judge at the National and Regional Level, and mentors grade 5 boys & girls in religious education at St. Ignatius Church. He has just started volunteering to recruit new members for the Canadian Institute for Nuclear Physics; a newly formed organization to advocate for the Canadian Nuclear Physics research community. Adam's patience and abilities to teach basic techniques, while keeping things interesting and fun for students deserves recognition.

South Shore Region:

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is pleased to present **Allen Sullivan** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Mr. Sullivan has been a valued volunteer for more than three decades. He has been actively involved with the Pleasantville Fire Department for the past 25 years, the Pleasantville Baptist Church for 30 years and the Bridgewater Relay for Life for the past five years. Allen has also been involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Golf Tournament, Pastoral Care at the South Shore Regional Hospital and Operation Christmas Child, a program that collects gifts for children in developing countries. Al has served 6 years on the Board of Governors for Atlantic Baptist University. Al has a seemingly endless supply of energy and frequently

steps up to take a leadership role when needed. He is more than deserving of this recognition.

The Municipality of Chester is pleased to present **Terry Atherton** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Terry is known as the guy who has made a tremendous impact on youth sports throughout the Municipality. Since arriving in Chester to teach in 1970, Terry became very involved in his community. He is involved with the Junior Curling Program, handling all aspects of the program from organizing, teaching the newest members the basics of the game, coaching and supporting competitive players to mentoring coaches involved in the program. Terry has also been involved with the Chester Curling Club, track & field, basketball, the Chester District Soccer Association, Chester Minor Hockey and is a founding member of the Chester Ravens Junior B team. Terry has also volunteered with the Church Memorial Park holding various positions including Chair and held a key role in the Park Wall of Fame. Thank you Terry for contributing so much time, energy and dedication to your community.

The Town of Mahone Bay is very pleased to announce **Robert Mader** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Robert is a lifetime resident of Mahone Bay and Postmaster for more than 30 years. Throughout his lifetime, Robert has volunteered with many organizations including the Fire Department, Minor Baseball, Church activities and the local Lions Club. Due to the nature of his health Mr. Mader is now limited in what he can do. However, despite health problems, he still serves his community by doing the accounts for his church, and selling and delivering fruit cakes for the M.S. Society. The Town of Mahone Bay is very proud of Robert's lifetime contributions to the community, and is pleased to name him their 2008 Representative Volunteer.

The Town of Lunenburg is proud to present **Kandra Morgan** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. For the past three years, Kandra has been an official junior volunteer at Harbour View Haven, a 130 bed long-term care facility. Her volunteer work covers a broad spectrum of duties and responsibilities under the direction of the Therapeutic Services Department. These include clerical work involving filing, charting, answering the phone, and utilizing her computer skills. Kandra also works directly with residents and has developed a wonderful rapport with them. She has great patience, persistence and a warm, charismatic personality which serves as a great inspiration to many. Kandra is prompt, punctual, and very willing to learn. Her qualities are many and she gives so generously of herself. The Town of Lunenburg is delighted to recognize Kandra Morgan as their Representative Volunteer.

The Town of Bridgewater is pleased to present **John MacLean** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. As a volunteer with Recreation Nova Scotia and its precursor, John has played such key roles as: past President, Master trainer in the Voluntary Workshop Program, Chair of the Awards Committee, and a member of the High Five Management Committee. During his time as president John helped position this

relatively new organization as the Voice of Recreation in Nova Scotia. The biggest promoter of Recreation and Volunteerism, John also exemplifies volunteer contributions in his local community including NCCP coach and trainer, Past District Commissioner of Scouts, Revenue Canada income tax advisor, church volunteer, Chair of the Town of Bridgewater Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, active role with the Red Cross and the Bridgewater Curling Club, and the proposed Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre. John is tireless, committed, energetic, thorough, and positive in his approach to working with people and making a difference in so very many lives in his community.

The Region of Queens Municipality is very pleased to recognize **Sandra Carver** as their Representative Volunteer for 2008. Sandra has been a volunteer for more than 25 years. In 1992, Sandra established a 'Meals on Wheels' program in Caledonia. She has served as program coordinator for 16 years and has recently been responsible for the program's extension into surrounding communities. Sandra is also a member of the Queens County Learning Network, and the South Shore Housing Commission. Active in her church, Sandra serves as an Elder, as chair of the Ministry and Personnel Committee, and Secretary of the Official Board. She is also a member and Secretary of the United Church Women. She is a former Sunday School teacher, a volunteer janitor, and organizer of an annual Time, Talent and Treasure Auction, a major fundraiser for the church. Sandra is the co-chair of the Pastoral Relations Oversight Committee of the South Shore Presbytery of the United Church. When needed, she provides worship services at Hillview Acres, the North Queens Nursing Home, and as a lay-preacher in her local church. Sandra also finds the time to participate in a School Breakfast Program and has been elected as an executive of a national political party for the South Shore. Congratulations and thank you Sandra for all that you give to the community.

The Region of Queens Municipality is honoured to recognize **Hubert Wareham** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Hubert is well-known throughout the community for his good work, helpful nature and friendly personality. He is one of the first to volunteer when help is needed at the Legion branch. Whether it is hands on, or just advice, Hubert is always there for the other members. He is also very active in the annual Poppy Campaign, the monthly breakfasts and other fundraisers. Hubert not only supports Legion activities, but drives local people to medical appointments, and visits and checks on house bound residents in the area. Hubert's woodworking skills and donations of finished products also support assorted other local organizations in their fundraising efforts. Hubert is a very worthy recipient of the honour of Representative Volunteer. We are pleased to recognize the invaluable contributions Hubert makes to his community.

The Municipality of the District of Shelburne is proud to present **Jack MacKenney** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Jack has been committed to community development through sport & recreation in Shelburne County for the past five decades. He has been and in some cases still is a sportsman, a coach, an official, a teacher, a founding member and executive member of many volunteer recreation and sport clubs and organizations in Shelburne County. He is also a dedicated volunteer in his Church

serving as an Elder and assisting with whatever needs to be done. Jack is a past vice-president of the Nova Scotia. Headmasters Association, the forerunner of the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation. Jack has also been involved with the Beaverdam Sports Meet and the Albert Acker Memorial Athletic Field. While serving as Municipal Councilor he was instrumental in establishing a Recreation Committee of Council. For the past 24 years he has been the Chairman of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne's Recreation Committee now known as the Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee. The Municipality of the District of Shelburne is pleased and honored to recognize the long term volunteer efforts of Jack MacKenney.

The Town of Lockeport is proud to present **Ulrich Johanns** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Ulrich first traveled from Germany to visit Nova Scotia in 1979. Ulrich liked what he found and continued to visit once or twice a year until 1999, when on July 1st; he made Nova Scotia his home. In his youth, Ulrich was actively involved in a number of individual sporting pursuits including track & field, swimming and gymnastics. Since coming to Canada, Ulrich has not hesitated to become actively involved in the community. Ulrich's original nomination came from the Lockeport Loop Committee on which he sits as an active member. His volunteer activities extend across Shelburne County including: active participation as a board member for Discover Shelburne County; former Vice President of the Shelburne Area Chamber of Commerce; honorary member of the Sou'wester Coin Club; trustee of Osborne Baptist Church; and board member for Crescent Beach Centre. Ulrich is always ready to lend a hand with church and community events and our community is certainly enhanced by his participation.

The Town of Shelburne is proud to present **Gloria Beuree** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Gloria is an active volunteer in a number of organizations. At St. Thomas Church she is Vice-President of the Parish Council, Chair of the Ways & Means Committee, Chair of the Eucharistic Ministers, a Lay Presider, Sacristan, and a member of the Newsletter Committee. With the Shelburne Historical Society she is Secretary, Membership Chair, and a member of the Cox Building Team. She is also Newsletter Editor for the Shelburne County Museum Complex and the Shelburne Historical Society. Gloria serves on the Board of the Shelburne County Archives and Genealogical Society, is a Director of Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association and Secretary of the Town's Waterfront Development Committee. Gloria co-chairs the Planning Committee for the Federation of Nova Scotia Heritage AGM and Conference, to be held in Shelburne this year.

The Municipality of the District of Barrington is proud to present **Howard Lamrock** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Howard has been a member of the Barrington Exhibition Committee for 15 years, serving as President for the past four years. He is seen running around getting ready for the exhibition and he is still running during the exhibition in August. He is a former member of the Barrington Fire Dept., putting in 7

years with the Dept. Howie is a hockey coach for the various leagues at the Barrington Arena. He has coached the men's A League, B League and the South West Recreation Hockey League. Howie has been a member of the Barrington Area Lions Club for the past 4 years and is a member of the Board of Directors. Howie is active in ALL Lions projects, often taking on fundraising events. Howard Lamrock is a very valuable person to our community.!

The Town of Clark's Harbour is pleased to recognize **Esther Nickerson** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. At age 92, Esther has had a long association with the West Head Advent Church. She has taught Sunday School for over 60 years and is still teaching a ladies' class today. Having a lovely voice she sang in the church choir, is a life time member of the Ladies Missionary Group and had an active Youth Group for many years. Esther has campaigned for several charitable organizations both locally and provincially. Being very involved in a visitation program in Town, she spent much time with those with mobility issues and spent many nights sitting with the very ill. This passion for helping others encouraged her to become a volunteer ambulance attendant and an active member of the Cape Sable Island New Horizons Seniors Club. The Town of Clark's Harbour is very proud to honour Esther as its Representative Volunteer of the Year.

The Municipality of the District of Yarmouth is proud to present **Gary Archibald** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Gary is presently the chairman of the board of Western Counties Regional Library. He has served the library in a volunteer capacity for more than two decades. His involvement in the library goes beyond the regional library. He has served as President of the Canadian Library Trustees Association. Gary is the Executive Director of the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS) and has served as president, secretary and treasurer of the LBANS. He has been part of two Nova Scotia Library Funding Review Committees - , the Strategic Planning Committee and the Regional Libraries Standards Committee. He is also serving as a member of the 2007 Funding Task Force. Gary's numerous other volunteer activities include his involvement in the Yarmouth County Historical Society & Museum, the Yarmouth Mariners Centre Management Board and the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission. Congratulations Gary.

The Municipality of the District of Argyle is proud to present **Stan Narcisse Surette** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Stan was born and raised in a rural Acadian Community and through his many years of Volunteerism, played an active role in politics, his Church, his culture, his heritage and sports. Stan serves as President of Societe Grand Pre, and is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Minister of Acadian Affairs. He has volunteered in various roles with the School Board, the Yarmouth County Sports Hall of Fame, the West Pubnico Historical Society, and the Retired Teachers' Association. Mr. Surette is a member of St. Peter's Church Choir, and former president of the Parish Council St. Peter's Church. Stan spent many volunteer hours organizing sports for young people in the community. Congratulations and thank you.

The Town of Yarmouth is proud to present **Tootsie Emin** as their Representative Volunteer for 2008. Tootsie has been a volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters for 19 years. This year marks the 19th year that Tootsie has played a key role in Yarmouth's annual TV auction. To date, she has raised a total over \$20,000.00. Tootsie also volunteers with the Hospital Foundation Gala Auction and Beacon Church's annual show. She attends the Annapolis Royal Community Arts Council's "Paint the Town" and helps the Yarmouth Art Society with their events. Tootsie has donated many of her paintings for fundraising initiatives of various charities and community organizations. Tootsie is giving of her time, energy and many talents – which is why Yarmouth finds it so fitting to have her as their 2008 Representative Volunteer.

Valley Region:

The Municipality of the District of West Hants is pleased to present **Pat Swineamer** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Pat has been an active volunteer in her community for over thirty six years and with the Burlington & District Activity Club for the past twenty years. The Newport Jolly Seniors Club has also benefited from Pat's hard work over the last three years. Pat obtained funding for monthly birthday parties for the seniors in their Club. Pat was also instrumental in organizing a Citizens On Patrol group for the Burlington community. She was involved with the Burlington Women's Institute for seventeen years and with the Burlington Rural Roots 4-H Club as a general leader for four years.

The Town of Hantsport proudly presents **Shirley Bishop** as the 2008 Representative. Hantsport has been Shirley's home for all but ten years of her life. She has served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, youth leader and choir member in her church. Shirley also served as a board member of Valley Pastoral Counseling Services, where she volunteered her skills as a counselor to abused women and facilitated the Board's Pre-marital Courses. Shirley also volunteered as a mediator for the Valley Restorative Justice Program. For the past 18 years Shirley has been the Coordinator of the Hantsport and Area Community Food Bank and two years ago she formed a chapter of the Red Hat Society in her community. Congratulations Shirley!

The Municipality of the County of Kings is pleased to present **Gwen Huntley** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Gwen is a retired registered nurse, with 36 years of service at the Blanchard Fraser Memorial Hospital and the Valley Regional Hospital. Gwen started her volunteer service at a young age as President of the Young Peoples group in her church. Gwen's volunteer work with the Church has continued over the years. She has served as Trustee, Treasurer and presently as Elder and Superintendent of the Sunday School as well as President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Gwen is instrumental in the planning and organizing of the annual, July 1st, Bay Day celebrations in Scotts Bay. Through the Women's Institute, of which Gwen serves as President, she finds ways to raise money to help people in need in her community. Gwen was and is very generous

with her time and knowledge to help her neighbors in matters of health care to improve their quality of life. Congratulations and thank you Gwen!

The Town of Windsor proudly presents **Daryl Sullivan** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Daryl volunteers with the Windsor Rotary Club, having served as secretary, vice president and president. He is currently treasurer of the Club's youth camp - Camp Mockingee. Daryl is involved with the Rotary Auction and is part of the Rotary team who install, In Touch, emergency systems that benefit seniors and the disabled. Daryl is a member of St. John's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Daryl and his wife Pauline were voted Family of the Year for their work with the club and church. Daryl volunteers with the Friends of Haliburton Place and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Thank-you Daryl, for being so generous with your time.

The Town of Wolfville is pleased to present **Keith Meerman** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Keith sailed to Canada from the Netherlands at the age of 19. He started out working on farm fields in the Wolfville area and quickly became involved in almost every part of the Wolfville community. Keith is a veteran of the Wolfville Volunteer Fire Department with more than 35 years of service fighting fires. He has been an avid member and volunteer of the Wolfville Lions' Club for more than 40 years. Keith also volunteers with the Wolfville Baptist Church raising funds through recycling drives, and many other means to purchase a wide range of items, which he personally delivers to the Baptist Church in Havana, Cuba for the people in need in that community. Keith spends a month each year in Cuba as part of his effort to provide needed supplies and equipment to that country.

The Village of New Minas is proud to have **Leslie Sequeira** as their 2008 Representative. Leslie immigrated to Canada from Uganda in 1972 and settled in the Village of New Minas in 1973. Leslie has made many volunteer contributions to the Village of New Minas. He was a Beaver Leader and Cub Leader, a minor soccer and baseball coach and a member of the New Minas & Area Lions, during which he served as Treasurer and President. Les has been a Volunteer Resident Member on the Village of New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee for the last twelve years. He is also a parishioner of the Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church where he serves as chairman of the pastoral council. He also served as Finance Chairman, Vice-President, and member for the last twenty years. The Village of New Minas congratulates and thanks Leslie for his generosity and commitment.

The Town of Kentville is proud to present **Frances Schagen** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Frances is the owner of Crystal Clear Bookkeeping Limited in Kentville; mother of four; and passionate supporter of many different organizations throughout the Valley. Over the past thirty years, Frances has contributed her time and efforts to many different worthwhile initiatives. She has been a member of the Valley Women's Business Network and the Business Development Committee. She has sat on the Board of Directors for the Community Planning Association of Nova Scotia and the Kings Alternative Transportation Society. Frances is founder of the Valley Vision Group, a

member of the Kings Innovative Council, and acts as Chair of Friends of the Kentville Public Library Society. Frances' experience and vision have greatly benefited many organizations. Kentville is proud to have such a dedicated person as Frances representing their community of Volunteers. Congratulations Frances!

The Town of Berwick proudly presents **Florence Carter** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. A long time volunteer, Florence has taught Sunday school for many years at the Christ Church Anglican in Berwick, worked on the Altar Guild and has been a member of the Anglican Church Women's Group for over 50 years helping out at many church socials and events. Florence also drives local nursing home residents to and from church on a regular basis. Florence served as Secretary for the Berwick Foodbank and is a member of the PC Women's Association. Florence has been a member of the Aylesford Red Cross for the past 50 years, assisting them with their many projects. Florence Carter is a very kind and generous person, willing to give of her time and talents to her community. Thank you Florence for your hard work and dedication!

The Municipality of the County of Annapolis is pleased to present **Anne Marie Pearle** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Anne Marie has been a committed volunteer for over 30 years. She serves in many capacities and offers her time generously. Anne Marie is an active member of the Paradise Women's Institute, serving as secretary and president. She spent 15 years as a 4-H leader. She also served on the Council as secretary, president and Director of the Nova Scotia Provincial 4-H Council. Anne Marie has also chaired the Homecraft Committee for the Annapolis Valley Exhibition, and co-chaired the Little Miss and Little Mister Exhibition pageant for many years. She has been instrumental in local heritage work, preserving and promoting local landmarks and her home village. Anne Marie is well known and highly respected in the community, generous and competent.

The Town of Middleton proudly presents **Christopher Barker** as their 2008 Representative Volunteer. Christopher has been an active member of the Middleton Fire Department for over 30 years and has served as Chief since 1989. His leadership and guidance to the men and women that follow him has been second to none. Chris is a Level One firefighter and he has completed the Level one and two fire investigation training courses. He is treasurer for the Annapolis County Fire Services Association and has been honoured by the Federal and Provincial Fire Service with their exemplary service medals for years of service to the department. Chris was the first non-Rotarian to receive the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Middleton Rotary Club. This award is one of the highest awards given by Rotary for outstanding personal community service. Thank you Chris for your commitment and dedication to the Town of Middleton!

The Municipality of Clare is pleased to present **Diane Bezanson** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. She has coordinated and produced the Clare Christmas Daddies TV/Radio show for 14 years. Ms Bezanson volunteered at the New Horizon's Seniors Club in Concession helping with dinners, Christmas parties and cards. As a

member of Eglise Notre-Dame du Mont Carmel Council she organized church picnics and Christmas concerts as fundraisers. Ms Bezanson is a member of the ladies auxiliary of the Little Brook Fire Department assisting with fund raising for the department. She has just been nominated President of the Clare Senior Games, was secretary of the organization in the past, assists with organizing the games and is a director of the Valley Senior Games. Organizations such as Heart and Stroke Foundation, Kidney Foundation, Diabetes Association and many others too numerous to mention have all benefited from Diane's drive to help others.

The Town of Bridgetown is proud to present **Bliss FitzRandolph** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Bliss has served as Secretary of the Bridgetown Garden Club for five years. Bliss, along with other Club members, helps to beautify Bridgetown by taking care of the gardening required for the town's planters. Bliss has been a volunteer for The Bridgetown and Area Historical Society for ten years, serving on the board, making displays and tending to the Society's gardens. She's also been involved with the Bridgetown Lions for five years, sold daffodils for the Cancer Society and has participated in Terry Fox Day since its inception. There isn't much Bliss won't do to make the world a cleaner, more beautiful and better place. The Town of Annapolis Royal is pleased to present Pauline Spinney as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. . Pauline has been a very active member of the Annapolis Royal Lions Club for the past 10 years. She demonstrates sincere commitment as a volunteer, having been named Lion of the Year twice during this period. In 2003, Lion Pauline received a Life Membership to the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia for her dedicated service. In 2005, she was again honoured with the Lions International President's Appreciation Certificate. In addition to Lions Club activities, Pauline also volunteers her time with local schools, youth and community events.

The Municipality of the District of Digby is pleased to honor **Stanley Comeau** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Stanley has been a dedicated, life-long volunteer. Stanley has contributed his skills and energy to the Digby East Fish & Game Association for 47 years. He is the last of the original volunteers, and is still very active at the age of 84. Stanley has served on the Building and Grounds Committee for 30 years, and still assists with the fundraising activities. Stanley has shown outstanding dedication and devotion! Congratulations and thank you Stanley!

The Town of Digby is pleased to honor **Phyllis Thurber** as the 2008 Representative Volunteer. Phyllis has been an active volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society for more than 15 years, taking on numerous roles including canvasser and town coordinator for the Society. . Phyllis shared a dream to host the Cancer Relay for Life in the Digby area. She canvassed the community, bringing in 20 members to the organizing committee and ran a very successful 2007 Relay for Life. Phyllis has also been active with the Digby Food Bank, Christmas Daddies, Digby Area Minor Hockey and Jr. C Hockey.

Specialty Awards:

Building Healthier Futures Corporate Award

The Scotia Bank Bridgetown is a deserving recipient of the 2008 “Building Healthy Futures Corporate Award. The bank employees’ tireless efforts and boundless enthusiasm has helped push two major community projects forward; the New Fire Hall Project and the New Library project. Not only have Scotia Bank Bridgetown employees raised significant funds locally, but they have been able to attain matching contributions from the Scotia Bank head office. Team Scotia’s Community and Scotia Employee Volunteer programs encourage and support employees to assist community groups by matching funds raised up to 5000.00 dollars and rewarding employee involvement with community groups by making direct donations of up to 1,000 dollars to those groups. The Scotia Bank Bridgetown team has also helped to boost awareness of both projects with all the fundraising activities done in the branch and in the community. Their bake sales are legendary.

If all goes as planned there will be a new fire hall and a new library in Bridgetown by this time next year. Congratulations and thank you Scotia Bank Bridgetown, Building Healthy Futures Corporate award recipients.

Model Volunteer Community Award

The Town of Canso is the recipient of the Model Volunteer Community Award for 2008. Although the Town of Canso faces many economic challenges, the Town is rich in volunteerism and community pride. The Town of Canso is proud to have many state of the art facilities that would not be possible without the strong community partnerships developed with various organizations and people of the Canso area.

One need only look at Canso’s Stan Rogers Folk Festival to see the most amazing show of volunteerism of any community in the Province of Nova Scotia. In a community of less than 1,000 people, more then 500 volunteers give thousands of hours each year to put on a world recognized music festival. This international festival would not be possible without the volunteers that give so freely of their time and talents.

Each year the Town of Canso partners with The Eastern Communities Youth Association, The Chedabucto Folk Society and the Canso Lions Club to host the annual Canso Regatta. The profits from this event go to support youth programming.

Without volunteers neither the Town’s swimming pool, nor the Canso and Area Arena would not be in operation today.

The Town of Canso actively seeks, encourages and also recognizes it many volunteers. The Mayor and Councilors themselves are active volunteers. Congratulations Town of Canso – 2008 Model Volunteer Community Award recipient.

Family Volunteer of the Year Award

The Province of Nova Scotia is proud to present the Family Volunteer of the Year award of 2008 to the **Nicholson Family of Kentville**. The Nicholson Family of Kentville, Nova Scotia includes Scott, Jocelyn, and their three children, Rhianna, age 14, Gareth age 12, and Meghan, age 9. The Nicholson's are being recognized today for the tremendous contributions they are making, both individually and as a family, to the Kentville community. With Jocelyn as President, and Rhianna as volunteer helper and coach, this family has contributed countless hours to the local Kentville Marlins Swim team. The entire family helps organize the local swim meet. The Nicholsons also put a team effort in their volunteer work with the Kentville Minor Basketball, where Scott coaches the girl's mini team with the help of Rhianna, Jocelyn does the paperwork, and even Gareth models some demonstrations. Jocelyn also has served as chairperson for Kentville and Area Youth Association for more than five years. The family also volunteer with their church whenever needed. Many thanks to the Nicholson family for their contributions to their community.

Volunteer Youth Award

The Province of Nova Scotia is very pleased to present the Volunteer Youth Award of 2008 to **Katie Brousseau** of Timberlea.. Katie is involved in a variety of volunteer activities at Ridgecliff Middle School including the school musical. She served as Head Ambassador with the Ridgecliff Ambassador Program, and is a member of the school's Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Advisory Committee. For her environmental volunteer efforts she received an award from the Sable Island Preservation Trust and received the Circle of Friends Recognition Award from Ridgecliff Middle School for her work with special needs students. Katie volunteers at the Bayside Youth Camp, a local Food Bank and Soup Kitchen. She participates in fundraising for such organizations as World Vision, UNICEF and Operation Christmas Child. In Katie's words; "I volunteer because I want to, not because I need to or because it's "the right thing to do". I get an indescribable sense of satisfaction when I help people. I love that I can build beautiful relationships out of dark situations."