



MEDAL
FOR VOLUNTEERS

NOMINATE A CARING VOLUNTEER!





“THE MEDAL FOR VOLUNTEERS
SHINES A LIGHT ON THOSE
WHO DO SO MUCH FOR THEIR
COMMUNITIES AND ASK
FOR NOTHING IN RETURN.”

GOVERNOR GENERAL DAVID JOHNSTON

Christmas Exchange Program volunteers
help pack food hampers for Ottawa families
in need.

RECOGNIZE **DESERVING** VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking to celebrate great volunteers who contribute to your community and selflessly offer their time and effort?

The Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields.

As an official Canadian honour, the Medal for Volunteers incorporates and replaces the Governor General’s Caring Canadian Award, created in 1995, by then-Governor General the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc. The Medal builds on the legacy and spirit of the Caring Canadian Award by honouring the dedication and commitment of volunteers.

WHO IS **ELIGIBLE?**

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Any person who is a Canadian citizen and who has made significant, sustained and unpaid contributions to their community in Canada or abroad is eligible. Candidates must have demonstrated an exemplary commitment through their dedicated volunteerism.

The Medal is awarded to individuals only, not to groups or couples. Non-Canadians are also eligible if their contributions have brought benefit or honour to Canadians or to Canada.

“IT IS TRUE THAT WE REAP
WHAT WE SOW.”

MIA DUMONT, VOLUNTEER

During a visit to Calgary, Governor General David Johnston teamed up with Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta to help construct a duplex in Evanston.



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for Humanity®
Calgary
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Southern Alberta

HOW CAN I **NOMINATE** **SOMEONE?**

Faduma Wais is a long-standing volunteer and a leader in her school's social action club.

IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL...

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Tell us about your friend, co-worker or member of your community who inspires you and deserves to be recognized. Visit caring.gg.ca and submit an online nomination in a few simple steps!

TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION YOU'LL NEED TO SEND US

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CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOU AND YOUR CANDIDATE

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A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF YOUR CANDIDATE'S CONTRIBUTIONS

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A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR YOUR CANDIDATE

**THERE IS NO DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS.
NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON AN ONGOING BASIS.**



The **short description** of your candidate's contributions to the community should provide details about the type of volunteer work accomplished, the names of any organizations involved, the length of service, and any other relevant biographical information, including the impact their work has had on the community.

The **letter of support** can be provided by an organization or an individual who supports the nomination and who can provide details about the unpaid volunteer work accomplished by the candidate.

Organizations are also welcome to nominate exceptional volunteers as candidates for this honour.

If you would like to submit the names of multiple volunteers from your organization, please contact the program manager at caring-entraide@gg.ca. You may qualify to become a trusted partner of the program.



“IT MEANS A LOT THAT SOMEONE TOOK THE TIME AND EFFORT TO NOMINATE ME AND THAT MY VOLUNTEER WORK IS APPRECIATED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.”

RYAN WALKER, VOLUNTEER



“THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO VOLUNTEER
AND GIVE BACK, AND SO MANY WONDERFUL
TALES TO BE TOLD.”

GOVERNOR GENERAL DAVID JOHNSTON



WHAT'S **NEXT?**

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The Chancellery of Honours, part of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, administers the program and receives all nominations. Each one is carefully researched and then reviewed by an advisory committee, which will make recommendations to the governor general. The selection process is non-partisan and merit-based.

The Chancellery will communicate with each selected candidate to seek their acceptance of the honour. Nominators are also informed of the results of their nomination.

Presentation ceremonies are held throughout the year, in communities across Canada.

WHERE CAN I FIND **MORE INFORMATION?**

For more information about the Medal for Volunteers, as well as inspiring stories from recipients, please visit caring.gg.ca. If you have questions about the program, please direct them to caring-entraide@gg.ca or call **1-800-465-6890** (toll-free).

Ten inspiring youths who have made a difference through local and global volunteering were recognized by the Governor General at the WE Day event, at the Théâtre St-Denis, in Montréal.



Who Inspires You? Honour Them!



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