



MEDAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

NOMINATE A CARING VOLUNTEER!





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.

Her Excellency the Right Honourable
Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada

WHO IS **ELIGIBLE?**

- 4 Any living 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. Living non-Canadians are also eligible if their contributions have brought benefit or honour to Canadians or to Canada. There are no posthumous awards.

Annick Bernatchez has coordinated the local Relay for Life as well as a mini-relay for students.



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

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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CONTACT INFORMATION FOR TWO REFERENCES
WHO SUPPORT THE NOMINATION

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

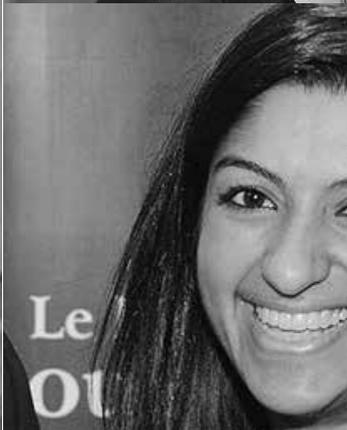


The **short description** of your candidate's voluntary contributions to the community should provide details about the type of volunteer work accomplished, the names of any organizations involved, the dates and length of service, the impact their work has had on the community, and their current (paid) occupation.

IF YOU REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION...

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.





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, which may take up to one year, 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).

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



Who Inspires You? Honour Them!



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