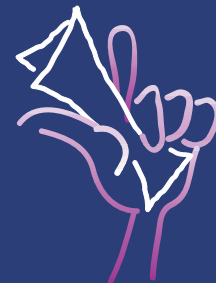
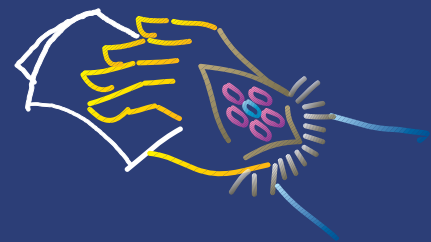


NWT Outstanding Volunteer
Award Recipients
1991 to 2004





Minister's Message

Helping our friends and neighbours is a way of life in the Northwest Territories (NWT). Sometimes we help out by volunteering with a group or organization in our community. Often we help out in more informal ways, like shovelling snow for a neighbour, sharing food from a hunt or looking after someone's children for free.

In 1991, the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) initiated the NWT Outstanding Volunteer Awards program to recognize the vital contribution that volunteers make to northern society. Since that time, a total of 460 individuals and groups have been nominated for the award. In 2001, the Department expanded the program by adding several new award categories to celebrate International Year of the Volunteer.

For several years, artist Sonny MacDonald presented the award winners with original carvings. In 2001, the Northwest Territories Power Corporation joined MACA in recognizing volunteerism and was the major sponsor for the 2002, 2003 and 2004 Outstanding Volunteer Awards. We are pleased that our partnership with this good corporate citizen will continue in 2004 and onwards.

This resource is a summary of the NWT Outstanding Volunteer Award recipients from 1991 to 2004. Their stories inspire and encourage all of us to follow the example of these outstanding individuals and groups.

Honourable Michael McLeod
Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs





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Jan Stirling, Yellowknife – Outstanding Volunteer Award

Mention the name Jan Stirling in Yellowknife, and chances are someone has a story about how she has helped them, or worked along side them as a volunteer. Mrs. Stirling was a founding member of the NWT Canadian Public Health Association, served on the Board of Directors of the NWT Canadian Mental Health Association, Planned Parenthood, I.O.D.E, United Church Women's Group, the YWCA, and Crime Stoppers.

Mrs. Stirling helped well over 100 immigrant families from Vietnam, Korea and Hungary resettle in Yellowknife. She also received the Storefront for Volunteer Agencies Volunteer of the Year Award in 1984.

Mrs. Stirling has worked as a public health nurse for over 20 years. She is known throughout the North as a kind and caring person.



Jan Stirling receives her Outstanding Volunteer Award from MLA Tony Whitford.

Donald Clark, Rankin Inlet – Outstanding Volunteer Award

Donald Clark has worked extensively with youth in the Keewatin Region. Through example, he has demonstrated how sport and recreation is a powerful and positive alternative to an unhealthy lifestyle. Mr. Clark has been instrumental in encouraging young people in the Keewatin Region to participate in the Arctic Winter Games and the Keewatin Student Games.

Mr. Clark has been actively involved in leadership roles on many boards and committees over the years, including the Terry Fox Run, Sport North Federation, Rankin Inlet Recreation Committee and the Sport and Recreation Directions Conference.

Mr. Clark has provided continuity and encouragement to the youth of his community.



Donald Clark (left) receives the Outstanding Volunteer Award from MLA Tony Whitford.



Larry Gordon, Inuvik – Outstanding Volunteer Award



Larry Gordon (right) receives his Outstanding Volunteer Award from MLA Fred Koe.

Larry Gordon has given over 30 years to volunteering. He has been called “*Every organization’s dream of the perfect volunteer – and more.*” As Volunteer Coordinator, Larry recruited over 250 round the clock volunteers for the 1992 Inuit Circumpolar Conference. His superior organizational and people skills ensured that the conference was a total success.

Mr. Gordon has volunteered as a coach, official, organizer, coordinator, town councillor and Arctic College Board of Governor, to name a few.

Mr. Gordon is a leader who encourages young and old alike to give back to the community through volunteering. As a role model, he practices what he believes in.

Max Melnyk, Norman Wells – Outstanding Volunteer Award



Max Melnyk (middle) receives his Outstanding Volunteer Award from Commissioner Dan Norris and MLA Tony Whitford.

Max Melnyk was nominated by Commissioner Dan Norris for his extensive volunteer service throughout the Northwest Territories. He has volunteered his time and skills for the past 32 years.

Mr. Melnyk has been closely involved with the Royal Canadian Legion as well as hockey and softball associations. He has given his time to help raise funds through church bingos and other events.

Mr. Melnyk is credited for single-handedly bringing the community together for the raising of the impressive Royal Canadian Legion facility in Norman Wells.



1995

Helene Usherwood, Yellowknife – Outstanding Volunteer Award

Helene Usherwood of Yellowknife received the Outstanding Volunteer Award for her extensive work throughout the Northwest Territories.

Ms. Usherwood has been involved with a number of volunteer groups, including the Canadian Mental Health Association, NWT Council for Disabled Persons, Psychiatric Nursing Association of the NWT, Girl Guides of Canada, and Storefront for Voluntary Agencies.



Helene Usherwood and her Outstanding Volunteer Award with the Honourable Kelvin Ng (right) and carver Sonny MacDonald.

1996

Peter Flaherty, Grise Fiord – Outstanding Volunteer Award

To the citizens of Grise Fiord, Peter Flaherty is known as an extremely generous, friendly and outgoing man, who is always willing to help out in any capacity.

Mr. Flaherty will arrive at an elder's door, after a snowfall, to clear the steps. He will deliver store items and Hamlet messages, feed dogs, babysit or just offer assistance when he sees a need. He asks nothing in return for his kind acts.

Helping without expectation of reward or recognition is a tradition and a strong value of the Inuit. Through his actions Mr. Flaherty is making a strong contribution to his community as well as his Inuit culture.



Peter Flaherty receives his Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Honourable Manitok Thompson.

1997



Al Falconer, Yellowknife – Outstanding Volunteer Award



Al Falconer (middle) receives his Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Honourable Charles Dent (left) and carver Sonny MacDonald.

Al Falconer was nominated for his outstanding contributions to senior's programs, services and facilities. He has made a significant positive impact on the lives of many seniors in the NWT. His commitment to volunteerism is as long as his 32 year residency in the North.

Mr. Falconer believes strongly in creating a community that supports seniors. He also believes that the pioneers of the North should be able to remain here in their old age rather than being forced out of their community in later days.

Prior to his involvement with seniors, Mr. Falconer spent his energies promoting youth interests. He gave his time to the Yellowknife Polar Bear Swim Club and the Arctic Winter Games, as well as the Inter-cultural Canada student exchange program.

1998

Pat Bobinski, Hay River – Outstanding Volunteer Award



Pat Bobinski (middle) receives his Outstanding Volunteer Award from David MacDonald (left) and Ray Young.

Pat Bobinski is generally known in his home community of Hay River as a reserved, unassuming person who does not seek recognition for himself. However, his countless hours of service over the years has had a tremendous impact on the community.

Mr. Bobinski is one of the founding members of the Hay River Cross-country Ski Club. His dedication is unparalleled. Besides his instrumental involvement in the planning, development and on-going maintenance of the Club, he has been

known to sleep at the the ski trails in order to ensure they are in top shape for meets.

Mr. Bobinski has also volunteered for the Fire/Ambulance Brigade, Hay River Gun Club and Hay River Flood Watch, to name a few.

Ann Kall, Yellowknife – Outstanding Volunteer Award

Ann Kall joined the Yellowknife Fire Department in June of 1992 as a Volunteer Firefighter. Since that time, Ann has given countless hours not only to the Yellowknife Fire Department, but to a long list of community fire departments across the Northwest Territories, from Iqaluit to Inuvik.

As the Public Program Coordinator, Ms. Kall has participated and coordinated activities for Child Find Alberta, the Smoke Alarm Testing Program, Fire Prevention Week, and safety and prevention in the classroom.

In addition to receiving the NWT Outstanding Volunteer Award, Ms. Kall was presented with the Yellowknife Fire Department's Distinguished Service Award. She often uses her personal vacation leave to fulfill her volunteer activities.



Ann Kall receives her Outstanding Volunteer Award from Deputy Minister Bob McLeod.

Cappy Elkin, Yellowknife – Outstanding Volunteer Award

Cappy Elkin led the Stanton Regional Hospital Foundation in the daunting task of raising over two million dollars. The Stanton Foundation required a person with drive, enthusiasm, and the ability to take on any task. Mrs. Elkin's passionate efforts provided ongoing guidance, support and coordination for the 2000 Capital Campaign.

Mrs. Elkin is no stranger to volunteerism. Prior to her involvement with the Stanton Foundation she was involved with handicapped youngsters and worked at her church. Mrs. Elkin has been an active board member of the Yellowknife Senior's Society as well as founding member and President of Autism NWT. She has touched the lives of many people, groups and organizations across the North.



Cappy Elkin receives her Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Honourable Joe Handley.



Meryl Falconer receives her Outstanding Volunteer Award from MLA Bill Braden.

Meryl Falconer, Yellowknife – Outstanding Volunteer Award

Meryl Falconer is a long-time Yellowknifer who has done much to increase breast cancer awareness and support in the NWT. She has worked as both a home care nurse and a volunteer.

As a long-term breast cancer survivor Mrs. Falconer has been an inspiration for women who are working through the fear of a cancer diagnosis. Her warm and caring personality and her “never give up” attitude have encouraged others to participate in volunteer activities such as Reach to Recovery and the Run for the Cure.

For many years Mrs. Falconer was the lone voice of the North in the area of breast cancer advocacy, and the only NWT representative at the regional and national meetings. She provided a support service where none previously existed. Many people are grateful for her generous and encouraging support.

Grace Mitts, Hay River – Outstanding Volunteer Award



Grace Mitts receives her Outstanding Volunteer Award the Honourable Jim Antoine.

Grace Mitts has had a tremendous impact on the people of her community. She is an elder who contributes her time to a wide range of activities involving young and old alike.

Mrs. Mitts has volunteered her time as a counsellor and mentor at the Hay River Youth Centre for many years. She has also volunteered her time to comfort members of the community during their times of personal loss and grieving.

Whether it is organizing and running the Seniors' Soup Kitchen, World Day of Prayer, or volunteering time for musical gatherings, Mrs.

Mitts can always be counted on to be there.

The town of Hay River has benefited from a tremendous role model in Mrs. Mitts.



2001

Juneva Green, Fort Smith – Outstanding Board Member Award

Juneva Green arrived in the North in 1969 and has not stopped volunteering since. Her volunteer work has had a positive impact on individuals from not only her home community of Fort Smith, but also the South Slave Region and the NWT as a whole.

Her work with the Sport North Federation Board for more than ten years has gained Juneva a reputation of being thorough, calm in a crisis and, above all, fair.

In addition to her board work, Ms. Green has volunteered countless hours to the NWT Ski Division, as a driver for the Fort Smith handivan, as well as fund raising for her church.

Fort Smith and the entire NWT have benefited from Ms. Green's selfless commitment to volunteerism.



Juneva Green, recipient of the Outstanding Board Member Award.

2001

Edna Dow, Hay River – Good Neighbour Award

Edna Dow genuinely cares for those who are less fortunate than herself. She chooses to make a difference in her community by sharing her time, understanding and energy. She never gives up trying to make a difference.

Ms. Dow believes that one should never go hungry, especially over the Christmas season. In 1993 she saw a need and started a Secret Santa drive in her community. Ms. Dow has been coordinating this effort ever since.

Ms. Dow has also been an advocate for the disabled, the homeless and those on income support. She works tirelessly, year round, to make a difference in her community.



Edna Dow, recipient of the Good Neighbour Award.

2001



Esther Braden, Yellowknife – Respected Elder Award



*Esther Braden, recipient
for the Respected Elder
Award.*

Esther Braden volunteered to play the church organ the day after she arrived in Yellowknife in 1964, and has continued to play it to this day.

The list of organizations, societies, committees, boards, associations and agencies that Mrs. Braden has volunteered her time for is extensive. Her activities have ranged from President of the NWT Seniors' Society to delivering music therapy in the extended care unit at the hospital to President of the YWCA.

In addition to her volunteer work, she has been involved in northern economic development, specifically in the tourism and mining sector.

Mrs. Braden cares about others and it's part of her nature to offer to help someone before they ask.

2001

Kristine McLeod, Inuvik – High Five Youth Award



*Kristine McLeod, recipient
of the High Five Youth
Award.*

Although Kristine McLeod is young in years, she is an experienced and respected volunteer for her community, region and territory. Ms. McLeod is the current president of the Nihtat Youth Council in Inuvik, a youth councillor for the Town of Inuvik, youth representative for the Inuvik Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, and the youth director on the Aboriginal Sport Circle of the Western Arctic.

Ms. McLeod is able to identify and relate to the concerns of youth in the communities and take action on those concerns. She believes in taking action on issues rather than just talking about them. She is a role model for her peers and has set a high standard for herself.



Fort Simpson Fire and Ambulance Department – Outstanding Community Organization Award

The Fort Simpson Fire and Ambulance Department is a team of 20 men and women. These well trained volunteers are the first response team for the Village of Fort Simpson.

It takes a special kind of person to be a firefighter and ambulance attendant. Emergencies are never scheduled – at any time these dedicated volunteers can be called to handle potentially dangerous situations.



The Fort Simpson Fire and Ambulance Department receive their Outstanding Community Organization Award from the Honourable Roger Allen.

2002



Janet Wong, Yellowknife – High Five Youth Award



Janet Wong receives her High Five Youth Award from MLA Floyd Roland.

Janet Wong's list of accomplishments at such a young age could fill a book – she certainly is an outstanding young lady. Ms. Wong was President of the Sir John Franklin High School Student Council in her grade 12 year and graduated with honours. She is a positive role model to youth in the community and the NWT. Her active participation with the student council and sports is commendable. Her involvement with S.A.D.D. and the "Stop Racism Challenge" shows her commitment and willingness to raise awareness of issues important in Yellowknife.

Ms. Wong has received numerous awards and scholarships in recognition of her leadership skills and academic excellence.

2002

Lori Uhlenberg, Hay River – Good Neighbour Award



MLA Paul Delorey presents the Good Neighbour Award to Lori Uhlenberg.

Lori Uhlenberg has lived in Hay River since 1971. She has been very involved in the Senior Ball Tournaments, whether it was organizing events, selling tickets or keeping score. Her caring nature and remarkable generosity have not gone unnoticed.

Ms. Uhlenberg has reached out to many people in need, through her involvement at the Thrift Shop. Ms. Uhlenberg has baked for families in the community – she is always there helping those in need.

Her consideration for the well-being of others in the community has had a tremendous impact on many lives in Hay River.



2002

Dusty Miller, Yellowknife – Outstanding Board Member Award

Dusty Miller's 57 years of continuous service to the Royal Canadian Legion has been remarkable. He has served as President and has been on the Executive Committee for nearly all those 57 years. In 1998 he initiated a program called *Know Your Veteran*. He has accumulated information on all the Veterans in the Northwest Territories, and it is hoped that this resource will be included in the NWT school curriculum. Through his work, Mr. Miller demonstrates his generosity and caring for all the seniors and veterans in town.



Dusty Miller (left) receives his Outstanding Board Member Award from the Honourable Roger Allen.

2002

The Thrift Shop, Hay River – Outstanding Community Organization Award

The dedicated team of volunteers at the Thrift Shop provide a vital service in Hay River. It has taken hard work and dedication to keep the Thrift Shop running for over 45 years. The proceeds from the Thrift Shop have been donated to organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton, the Soup Kitchen and the Youth Centre in Hay River. The contribution of the Thrift Shop have impacted many people throughout Canada as well as many of our northern communities.



MLA Jane Groenewegen receives the Outstanding Community Organization Award, on behalf of the Hay River Thrift Shop, from NWT Power Corporation representative Randy Patrick.



Ed Jeske, Yellowknife – Respected Elder Award



Ed Jeske (left) receives his Respected Elder Award from MLA Bill Braden.

Ed Jeske came to Yellowknife in 1958 and has been an active volunteer ever since. In 1964 he won the Good Sportsman Award. Mr. Jeske's efforts towards the formation of the Yellowknife Seniors' Society are very commendable. He has contributed greatly to the community through active participation in the Elks, Lions and Curling Clubs.

His dedication and commitment is an inspiration to all.

Dixie Penner, Fort Smith – Outstanding Volunteer Award



Dixie Penner receives her Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Honourable Joe Handley.

Dixie Penner moved to Fort Smith 16 years ago. Since this time she has been a very active member in the community.

Her dedication to the Fort Smith Animal Society is most commendable, when at times she may be the lone voice advocating for animal welfare. She has worked closely with Town administration to establish a new facility for the animal shelter and a new dog by-law. Ms. Penner is currently treasurer for the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association. She is also a member of the organizing committee for the South Slave Friendship Festival. Ms. Penner has also coached

high school volleyball and has been a judge for territorial kayaking competitions.

Beverly Masuzumi, Fort Good Hope – NWT Outstanding Volunteer Award (Individual)

Beverly Masuzumi has been a volunteer since she was 15 years of age. She started helping out with spring carnivals, Dene Games and community feasts.

Ms. Masuzumi now takes on leadership roles as a Band councillor and board member for the local day care, the District Education and Housing Authorities.

For ten years Ms. Masuzumi has been an advocate for the bereaved, raising funds to bring family members home, making arrangements and ensuring families are provided for.

Ms. Masuzumi has a positive outlook on life and a caring nature. She, and her husband Albert, live by the philosophy that the health and education of a community begins at home.



*Beverly Masuzumi,
recipient of the NWT
Outstanding Volunteer
Award (Individual).*

Yellowknife Food Bank, Yellowknife – NWT Outstanding Volunteer Award (Group)

The Yellowknife Food Bank has been in existence since 1991. The strength and commitment of this small group of dedicated volunteers is led by Dave Ritchie. There are no paid staff and funds are spent entirely on the purchase of food. Volunteers buy the groceries, stock shelves, distribute and deliver food.

Despite the fact that Yellowknife has the highest employment rate in the country, the Food Bank serves up to 400 people. Volunteers solicit funds resulting in \$35,000 to \$40,000 worth of groceries being distributed annually.



*The Yellowknife Food
Bank's Dave Ritchie
(right) receives the NWT
Outstanding Volunteer
Award (Group) from the
Honourable Vince Steen.*



Brad Thomas Elkin Hall, Yellowknife – NWT Outstanding Volunteer Award (Youth)



Brad Hall, recipient of the NWT Outstanding Volunteer Award (Youth).

Brad Hall is a hard-working and thoughtful young man of 17. He has a strong history of volunteer participation despite being Autistic. His volunteer activities are an integral part in his life. This involvement provides him with a high degree of personal satisfaction and pride. When Mr. Hall takes on a project, he is very conscientious and shows strong loyalty to that organization. He is known to have a very positive outlook on life.

Mr. Hall has been a Big Buddy in school, a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, helped with church bulletins, and is involved with Students Against Drunk Driving and Ptarmigan Ptheatrics. He is a grade 12 honours student at Sir John Franklin School.

Stephen Rowan, Fort Simpson – NWT Outstanding Volunteer Award (Elder)



Stephan Rowan (right) receives his NWT Outstanding Volunteer Award (Elder) from the Honourable Vince Steen.

Stephen Rowan is a strong member of the community in Fort Simpson, who leads by example. He really is a model citizen. He is persistent, well organized and committed. His many contributions are evidence of these qualities.

Mr. Rowan has offered ski lessons and led Jackrabbit skiing for the past 15 years. As an educator, he has provided library services and speakers at the John Tsetso Memorial Library.

With the Fort Simpson Historical Society, he has been a researcher and lobbyist while still finding time to give lectures and tours on the history of Fort Simpson.

Mr. Rowan honours and respects children. He is a role model for what it means to be a good citizen, demonstrating the values of literacy, culture, respect for the land and physical activity. Mr. Rowan has contributed greatly to the community of Fort Simpson.



2004

Deleigh Rausch, Yellowknife – NWT Outstanding Individual Award

Deleigh Rausch has contributed over 15 years to the development of Girl Guides in the Northwest Territories. Her belief in the potential of all girls and women has led her to the heart of the Girl Guide movement in the North. She is well known in her community for her dedication and determination to give the girls a place where they can learn and grow. Ms. Rausch is currently the Territorial Commissioner responsible for membership and training, but her devotion goes well beyond this title. Ms. Rausch is just as well known in smaller NWT communities for her tireless efforts in developing Guiding leadership.



Deleigh Rausch receives her Outstanding Individual Award from the Honourable Henry Zoe.

2004

Lillian Kristensen, Fort Smith – NWT Outstanding Elder Award

Lillian Kristensen has been volunteering in Fort Smith since her arrival with her family in 1971. She participated in school programs when her children were younger, at community events like Canada Day and the Wood Buffalo Frolics. In addition, Ms. Kristensen almost single-handedly set up and operated an animal shelter for 15 years, using her own money and donations. Her amazing spirit has inspired others when she participated in events like the Cops for Cancer fundraising event. She is active in her church, twice travelling to Guatemala at her own expense to help build a school. Ms. Kristensen also provides a listening ear and support to the people of Fort Smith when they are in need.



Lillian Kristensen receives her Outstanding Elder Award from the Honourable Henry Zoe.

2004



Michelle Mandeville, Fort Resolution – NWT Outstanding Youth Award



*Michelle Mandeville
receives her Outstanding
Youth Award from the
Honourable Henry Zoe.*

Michelle Mandeville is committed to making the Fort Resolution Metis Council office a better place for its membership, elders and youth. Recently she spent time at the Council office developing a new filing system and organizing archive material on the mapping of trails, cabins, trap lines and spiritual sites. She is a valuable community resource and helps out with community projects whenever she can. Ms. Mandeville is a generous person, good friend, sister, and niece, and most of all, an excellent role model for youth throughout the North.

2004

Aven Manor Entertainers, Yellowknife – NWT Outstanding Group Award



*Aven Manor Entertainers
receive their Outstanding
Group Award from
the Honourable
Henry Zoe.*

Dawn Lacey, Theresa Crane, Esther Braden, and Lew Delaney are the Aven Manor Entertainers. This musical group has been visiting the residents and staff of Aven Manor for more than ten years, to sing, dance and play their musical instruments with residents. Their infectious enthusiasm touches residents and staff and fills them with the joy of their music. In addition to smiling faces, the group provides residents with a regular opportunity to feel good.



Summary Chart of Award Winners

Territorial Recipient	Nominator	Category	Region
2004 (87 Nominations)			
Deleigh Rausch	Raycine Spence	Individual Award	Yellowknife
Lillian Kristensen	Fort Smith Animal Society	Elder Award	Fort Smith
Michelle Mandeville	Fort Resolution Metis Council Staff	Youth Award	Fort Resolution
Aven Manor Entertainers	Aven Manor Residents and Staff	Group Award	Yellowknife
2003 (65 Nominations including 240 people)			
Beverly Masuzumi	Phobe McNeely	Individual Award	Fort Good Hope – Sahtu
Yellowknife Food Bank	Yellowknife MLAs	Group Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
Brad Thomas Elkin Hall	Beth Harding/Shaula Legaree	Youth Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
Stephen Rowan	Terry Jaffray	Elder Award	Fort Simpson – Deh Cho
2002 (73 Nominations)			
Janet Wong	James Wong	High Five Youth Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
Lori Uhlenberg	Ellen Pollard	Good Neighbour Award	Hay River – South Slave
Dusty Miller	Joan Nelson – Royal Canadian Legion	Board Member Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
Thrift Shop	Fran Greenfield	Outstanding Community Organization Award	Hay River – South Slave
Ed Jeske	YK Seniors	Respected Elder Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
Dixie Penner	Christine Lammerse	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Hay River – South Slave
2001 (96 Nominations) International Year of Volunteers			
Juneva Green	Janie Hobart	Board Member Award	Fort Smith – South Slave
Edna Dow	Faye Duval	Good Neighbour Award	Hay River – South Slave
Esther Braden	NWT Seniors Society	Respected Elder Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
Kristine McLeod	Yvonne Carpenter	High Five Youth Award	Inuvik – Inuvik Region
Fort Simpson Fire and Ambulance Department	Fort Simpson Health Centre	Outstanding Community Organization Award	Fort Simpson – Deh Cho
2000 (16 Nominations)			
Cappy Elkin	Stanton Regional Hospital Foundation	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
Meryl Falconer	NWT Breast Health/Breast Cancer Action Group	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
Grace Mitts	Seniors Society of Hay River	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Hay River – South Slave

Summary Chart of Award Winners



Territorial Recipient	Nominator	Category	Region
1999 (17 Nominations)			
Ann Kall	Mike Lowing – Yellowknife Fire Department	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
1998 (25 Nominations)			
Pat Bobinski	Recreation Board of Hay River	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Hay River – South Slave
1997 (14 Nominations)			
Al Falconer	YACCS	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
1996 (40 Nominations)			
Peter Flaherty	David Akeegok	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Grise Fiord - Nunavut
1995 (23 Nominations)			
Helene Usherwood	Yellowknife City Council	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
1994 (31 Nominations)			
Max Melnyk	Commissioner Dan Norris	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Norman Wells – Sahtu
1993 (30 Nominations)			
Larry Gordon	Marla Kupfer/Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Inuvik – Inuvik Region
1992 (8 Nominations)			
Donald Clark	Justin Merritt	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Rankin Inlet –Nunavut
1991 (12 Nominations)			
Jan Stirling	Canadian Public Health Association	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Yellowknife – North Slave
Total Nominations = 537			