

Norm McLeod Community Inclusion Awards

Presented by

*Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) Program
Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports*

Nominations close August 15, 2007

The logo for the province of Alberta, featuring the word "Alberta" in a stylized, blue, sans-serif font.

The Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) Program's mission is to 'create an Alberta where adults with developmental disabilities are included in community life'.

During his 35-year career in the disability field, Norm McLeod inspired those around him with his untiring commitment to the values of community inclusion. His personal vision is one in which people with developmental disabilities live, work, learn, and participate as full citizens in their communities. Norm was instrumental in establishing the legislation that created the PDD Program.

The annual Community Inclusion Awards were created to honour Norm and recognize Albertans who are committed to community inclusion.

The *Norm McLeod Leadership Award* is presented to an individual with a developmental disability who inspires others through his or her achievements and

demonstrates leadership in their community. The *Norm McLeod Dreamweaver Award* is presented to an Albertan who is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.

A new award, the *Community Contribution Award*, will be presented to a community group or organization in Alberta that has made efforts to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and recognizes that individuals can fully participate in their community.

The selection committee includes a self-advocate and representation from the



Left to right, Norm McLeod, David Kochie and Frank Schoenberger

Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL), the Alberta Council for Disability Services (ACDS), and PDD community boards.

In 2006, the Norm McLeod Leadership Award went to David Kochie of Medicine Hat and the Dreamweaver Award to Barbara Nish of Lethbridge.

Do you know someone who is making a difference in your community? Consider nominating them for the Leadership, Dreamweaver or Community Contribution Award today! Nominations close August 15, 2007.

Leadership Award

Nominees must be Alberta residents, 18 years of age or older, with a developmental disability.

The recipient will be an individual who inspires others through his or her achievements and who demonstrates leadership in the community.



This may include:

- a) Engaging in community activities and demonstrating that people with developmental disabilities can be community leaders;
- b) Demonstrating courage in his or her efforts to fully participate in their community; and
- c) Creating a higher acceptance and understanding of people with developmental disabilities through his or her community participation and leadership.

Dreamweaver Award

Nominees must be Albertans who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. This may include a

family member, friend, frontline staff person, an employer or a community member.

The selection committee is looking for role models who are committed to including individuals in all aspects of community life.

This may include:

- a) Developing innovative ways to improve the quality of life of persons with developmental disabilities;
- b) Motivating and inspiring others to embrace the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in the community;
- c) Serving as role models in their jobs, as friends, volunteers, employers or family members in fostering values such as equity, integrity, dignity and respect.

Community Contribution Award

Nominees must be a community group or organization in Alberta that has made efforts to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and recognizes that individuals can fully participate in their community. It will be presented to a community group or organization that has no

direct involvement with the PDD Program, including PDD employees, community board members or PDD-funded service providers.

The selection committee is looking for community groups that are role models for other organizations by showing a commitment to including individuals in all aspects of community life.

This may include:

- a) Developing innovative ways to improve the quality of life of persons with developmental disabilities;
- b) Motivating and inspiring others to embrace the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in the community;
- c) Serving as role models as friends, volunteers or employers in fostering values such as equity, integrity, dignity and respect.

The awards will be presented at a celebration in Calgary in October. All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition and will be invited to attend the event.

Nomination Form

Nomination Award Categories (please check one)

Leadership Award Dreamweaver Award Community Contribution Award

Your name: _____

Mailing address: _____
(street, city/town, postal code)

Daytime phone: _____ E-mail: _____
(include area code):

Name of the person or group you are nominating: _____

Mailing address: _____
(street, city/town, postal code)

Daytime phone: _____ E-mail: _____
(include area code):

On a separate sheet, in 500 words or less, please describe how the nominee meets the award criteria.

Please provide brief comments (100 words or less) from three additional people explaining why they support this nomination.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing this form, please contact Seniors and Community Supports Communications at **780.415.9950** or e-mail us at **seniors.communications@gov.ab.ca**

Nomination deadline is August 15, 2007.

Please complete and send to:

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