



Celebrating Seniors

VOLUNTEER AWARDS



CELEBRATING SENIORS VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2023

On October 1, 2023, SSM (Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism) honoured older adult volunteers at a Celebrating Seniors Volunteer Awards gala held at the Conexus Art Centre in Regina. Older adults from across the province who have contributed to making their communities stronger, safer, and healthier, were celebrated.

Rod McKendrick capably emceed the event, keeping everything flowing smoothly. Words of inspiration and a blessing were provided by Matriarch Brenda Dubois.

Our Honourary Patron, The Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, was

unavoidably called away for a family emergency. Tom Mansfield, Aide de Camp, read the greetings that His Honour had written for the occasion. Greetings were also presented by MLA, Blaine McLeod, and SSM President, Randy Dove.

The emcee, Rod, thanked the organizations that sponsored the event. CAA Saskatchewan was the Platinum Sponsor for the event.

Spoken and visual tributes highlighting the contributions of each nominee were led by Doug Still and Linda Restau. The Award Categories were: Community Leadership (Urban), Communi-

ty Leadership (Rural), Advocacy, Arts and Culture, Blooming Perennial (90+) and Wellbeing.

After an excellent buffet supper, guest speaker Evan Bray, retired Chief of Police, Regina Police Service, was introduced by Fred Titanich, President and CEO of CAA Saskatchewan, the Platinum Sponsor. Evan was a dynamic guest speaker, highlighting his own experiences as a volunteer and his work with so many others who gave of themselves to help others.

Linda Anderson, Communications & Ageism Awareness staff, introduced the entertainment for the evening, Jeffery Straker, and

guitarist, Bryn Besse. She highlighted how pleased SSM was to also introduce Jeffery Straker as a Champion for Home Supports, a way to help older people choose to live in the homes and communities of their choice. Lively songs and stories captivated the attendees. Jeffery Straker's music rocks!

The awards ceremony commenced with the Advocacy group award presented by CAA Saskatchewan Board Director, Bruce Anderson, representing Platinum Sponsor CAA Saskatchewan. Wayne Rutten, representing Gold Sponsor, Sask Tel Pioneers, presented the Community

Leadership (Rural) award. Other awards were presented by SSM Executive Director, Holly Schick, SSM President, Randy Dove, and Aide de Camp Tom Mansfield.

The Celebrating Seniors Volunteer Awards take place annually. Anyone can nominate someone for an award. The nominees must be 55 years of age or older, be a resident of Saskatchewan, and have made a significant volunteer contribution to their community. You may find further information on the SSM website, www.skseniormechanism.ca or by phoning 306-359-9956.

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PROUD TO Celebrate AND SUPPORT SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS

CAA Saskatchewan has a lot in common with many of our valued seniors. For over 100 years, we have earned a reputable history of helping people through our travel, insurance, roadside assistance, automotive and membership services. We congratulate and celebrate all Saskatchewan older adult volunteers for helping to make a difference in their communities. You are truly the heartbeat of our province. *Thank you, and congratulations!*



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