

CELEBRATING SENIORS VOLUNTEER AWARDS

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (URBAN)



LINDA PRATT

Says she “may have been born a volunteer” as she started volunteering while still in elementary school. In high school and university, she tutored others. She became a leader in the Twins and Triplets Club of Regina, and served her children’s school in many ways. She has volunteered in her church, and after working with another committee to bring a family of refugees to the city, began volunteering for the literacy program of the Public Library. She has also taken a leadership role in the University Women’s Club. Most recently she has acted as a Liaison with Age-Friendly Regina, serving as coach, advisor and supporter. Her volunteerism continues to touch peoples’ lives.



PHIL JOHNSON

Has made significant contributions to the development and well-being of the community. He was a driving force behind turning Regina’s Art Park into an Urban Food Forest. Community members have expressed their appreciation for the positive changes in Art Park, noting its transformation into an area of pride and beauty. Phil has also been dedicated to revitalizing the Heritage Neighbourhood, instilling a sense of hope and positivity in an area that often faces challenges. One of his supporters says “his work exemplifies the power of nature to heal and inspire, reminding everyone of the potential for positive change within the community.”



EDITH HENRY

Has lived a life of service and volunteering, first with her children’s school, with 4-H, and the School Board; then organizing the Foxdale Ladies Club, the Foxdale History Book, and the Foxdale School 1980 Reunion. She has been a director of the Co-op and a council member of her church. In her years with the Shellbrook Senior’ Club, she has served on the entertainment committee, has been President of the group, has organized trips for them, and continues to actively participate. Her dedication to her family, to seniors and to her community shines through all that she does.



LINDA ARD

Comes from a strongly community-minded family, and that still shows in every aspect of her life. She began volunteering as a teen, and continued when she joined the workforce, as she banded together with co-workers to provide a complete Christmas for a North Battleford family each year, as she helped raise money for the first sheltered workshop in the area, and as she became active in her church. She served as treasurer for the Meota Do Drop In, served in the FSNA (now the National Association of Federal Retirees), served the Saskatchewan Seniors Association, and so much more. Even now, in a helping role, volunteerism remains key to the way she lives her life.



RICK RONNING’S

Volunteerism enhances his community in many ways. He writes, directs and performs in local dramatic endeavours, in both the high school and community. He has been active as a coach for many sports, including coach for Track and Field in Prince Albert. He has coached many athletes to provincial, national, and North American championships. He worked with others to convert the local curling and skating rinks from natural ice to artificial ice, making them more reliably accessible. He is, indeed, a pillar of the community, and his community greatly appreciates all that he does.

ADVOCACY



DAVE GREENFIELD

Service and activism have always been key parts of his life, working on peace, environmental, and social concerns through many groups over the years. These groups have included the Inter-Church Uranium Committee, opposing the use of uranium; the Green Party and its forerunners; and he has been active in the Canadian Friends Service Committee. He currently serves Climate Justice Saskatoon, the Council of Canadians, the Saskatoon Peace Coalition and others. One of his supporters says “Dave is a steadfast leader and advocate who has impacted many lives during his decades of service to his community.”



THE PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT SENIORS & FRIENDS CLUB

Of Saskatoon began in September 2022. It provides a way for older adults of African descent and their friends to get to know each other. The group promotes social inclusion and holds educational meetings on a wide variety of topics including health, finances, and digital literacy. Recognizing that the Black community is not homogenous, they hold cultural sharing programs. They invite older White adults to meetings to interact, share, and learn. Club activities benefit the community by increasing the civic participation of the older Black adults, connecting them to many others in the community.



MARG & CRAIG HUBBARD

Are often a “package deal” in volunteering – where one is, you’ll find the other. This is evident in the many facets of their volunteer work with the Saskatoon Bridge Club, and in various health and wellbeing endeavours. One important recent activity has been participating in a program for 3rd year undergraduate nursing students at the University of Saskatchewan, in conversational meetings where the students can learn about aging, ageism, and other issues related to aging. Another important facet of both their lives centres around art. Part of this involvement includes participation in the Prairie River Artists of Saskatoon, and the annual art show. In all they do, they show a spirit of volunteerism that is truly Saskatchewan.

ARTS & CULTURE



MARION MUTALA

Is a promoter of peace and education, believing that if we learn about other cultures the world will be a better place. She celebrates her Ukrainian culture in nearly everything she does, from the books she has authored, to her volunteer work with the Ukrainian organization, Nashi, and the Musee Ukraina, to making perogies for others. She inspires people to discover their own gifts or talents and to share them with the world. She shares her love of the arts and her culture in readings, singing and speaking as well. She actively contributes to the quality of life of her community and province, ensuring that history and tradition are remembered.



JEANNE ALEXANDER’S

passion for advocacy for people from all walks of life has been a gift to all she has served over the years. She has also given many years of dedication through her volunteer work in the arts and culture sector. She has boundless energy and endurance that shows in her work with the Saskatchewan Writers’ Guild, the Cathedral Arts Festival, the Government House Historical Society, various Seniors’ Groups, the Rotary Club, and her work with Access 7 and CJTR Community Radio. Through all the significant time and effort she gives, her contagious enthusiasm shows through, buoying up those she serves and the organizations she champions.

BLOOMING PERENNIAL



LYN GOLDMAN’S

Volunteer contributions to the community are nearly innumerable. Over the years, she has been active in the Saskatchewan Arts Board and Saskatchewan Foundation of the Arts, the Lifelong Learning Centre, the Saskatchewan Writers’ Guild, ACTRA, and the Regina Little Theatre. She has also been active in the Beth Jacob Synagogue, the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Statue Committee, the Canadian Federation of University Women, the Canadian Club, the Regina Women’s Network, and so much more. She recently agreed to serve on the Board of the Government House Historical Society. Her supporters say “she wholeheartedly believes that not only is the community enriched by a person’s volunteer efforts, but so is the volunteer.” This belief has been a guiding principle throughout her life.



MARJORIE HISLOP

Has been a shining light in the Shellbrook community for many years. She was the treasurer of the Shellbrook Senior Citizens’ Co-operative Club for many years, and continues to be active in the Club’s activities. She is the ‘go to’ person for the residents at the Heritage Lodge where she lives, taking people to medical appointments or the Emergency Room, taking care of residents who are sick, picking up the mail and newspaper for those unable to get out. She organizes trips for the residents to local activities and restaurants. She does similar things for nearby Homestead Place. The community as a whole has benefited from all of Marjorie’s volunteer work and continues



CHRIS OEHLER

Is a faithful, compassionate, loyal, and supportive senior. He is a 92-year-old gentle soul who strives to spread kindness and generosity through his actions each and every day; from small subtle acts to large commitments within his family and community. He builds others up, leads by example and contributes to a positive atmosphere. The community of College Park I, both staff and residents, has benefited tremendously from Chris’s selfless volunteer work. He is passionate about supporting others, simply by lending a helping hand when he can. Chris continues to grow and blossom each day through his volunteer experience.

