

Celebrating
Seniors



2011

Awards

Award Recipients

Community Leadership (Urban)
Award Recipient:
Kurt Holstein



Teamwork
Award Recipient:
Founding Members
of Saskatoon
Council on Aging



Advocacy
Award Recipient:
Elliot PausJensen

Lifetime Achievement
Award Recipient:
Mary Ballantyne



Education
Award Recipient:
George James



Centenarian
Award Recipient:
John D. Rennie

Heritage and Culture
Award Recipient:
Lorraine Iversen



Contribution to a First Nations or Métis Community
Award Recipient:
Julie Pitzel

Community Leadership (Rural)
Award Recipient:
Patricia Cooley



Fitness
Award Recipient:
Isabella Frank

Awards gala

honours seniors who give back

By **Tobie Hainstock**

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On Oct. 2, 2011, approximately 200 people gathered at TCU Place in Saskatoon to pay homage to a special group of people at the Saskatchewan Senior Volunteer Awards. This was the second year that the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (SSM) held an event in honour of volunteers around the province. The awards gala was a prestigious evening with Lorne Calvert as MC and Senator Pamela Wallin present to give an address to the guests. Other dignitaries at the event included Vice Chief Geraldine Arcand of the Saskatoon Tribal Council and President Robert Doucette, Métis Nation of Saskatchewan.

Awards were handed out to outstanding senior volunteers and were presented to the recipients by the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart and SSM President Les Lye. The nomination categories included Advocacy, Centenarian, Community Leadership (rural), Community Leadership (urban), Education, Contribution to a First Nations or Métis Community, Fitness, Heritage and Culture, Lifetime Achievement, and Teamwork.

According to Holly Schick, executive director of Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, nominees must be 55 years old or more to qualify and may only be nominated in one category each year. An independent selection committee is appointed to go through the nominations and find the recipient for that year.

Schick said that the SSM Volunteer Awards are an important way to thank senior volunteers for their commitment. "Seniors make excellent volunteers because they have the expertise and time that allows them to make a difference in their communities."

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