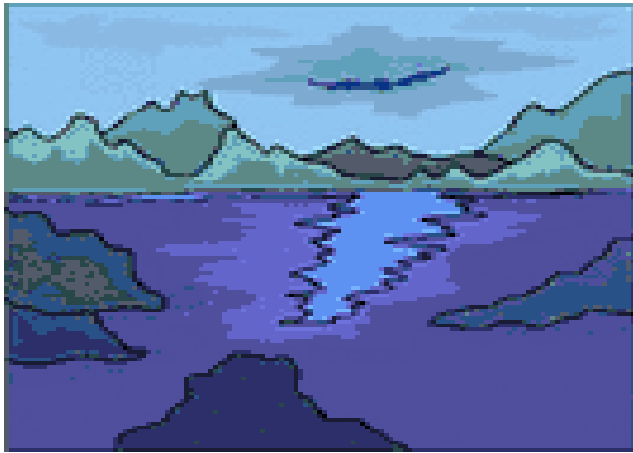


# 2005 Geriatric Service Recognition Awards



**Welcome to the  
*Second Annual*  
Geriatric Service Awards –  
An evening to recognize  
exemplary service and  
outstanding contributions  
to the health,  
independence and quality  
of life of seniors.**



# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

- This year the RGPc received 60 nominations spread amongst five award categories, and representing seven regions.
- The five award categories are:
  - ❖ **Student**
  - ❖ **Clinician/Individual**
  - ❖ **Executive**
  - ❖ **Team**
  - ❖ **Organization**
- A description of the award categories is listed in your program.

**2005**

## **Geriatric Service Recognition Awards**

This year's nominees for outstanding student achievement are:

- ❖ Anthony Kupferschmidt
- ❖ Hendrika Spykerman
- ❖ Renee Nason
- ❖ Sarah Clark

# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

- The winner of the student award won several scholarships and awards for her undergraduate work in Gerontology at McMaster University. This work focused on the marginalization of people with Alzheimer Disease.
- She has presented her work at many National conferences.
- She has worked for 12 years as a nurse in LTC.
- She is currently working on her Masters thesis in Gerontology focused on communication between physicians and people with Alzheimer Disease about the diagnosis.

2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

An excerpt from the winner's nomination letter:

*" ---- is a remarkable woman, and through her work and her studies she is attempting to improve the lives of those with Alzheimer Disease. Until recently, it was assumed that people with AD were not capable of expressing their thoughts, feelings and experiences of living with this illness. Through ----'s work, however, we are learning that communication is possible and desirable".*

2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards



**Congratulations  
to Hendrika  
Spykerman -  
Winner of the  
2005 Student  
Award for  
Geriatric Service!**

**2005**

# **Geriatric Service Recognition Awards**

**The nominees for outstanding clinician/individual dedication and achievement are:**

**Ann Tassonyi**

**Anne Pizzacalla**

**Boya Brankovic**

**Carol McKenna**

**Debbie Keay**

**Dilys Haughton**

**Dr. Christopher Patterson**

**Dr. David Cowan**

**Dr. Sheri-Lynn Kane**

**Dr. Tricia Woo**

**Dr. Bill Sulis**

**Esther Coker**

**Gail Elliot**

**George Yates**

**Jane Coulson**

**Judy Lever**

**Laura Jewell**

**Sue Fornataro**

**Luann Crandall**

**Nola Bachiu**

**Sandra Buckle**

**Shobhana Ranjit**

**Shirley Hawkey**

**Wendy McPherson**

**2005**

# **Geriatric Service Recognition Awards**

This year two outstanding nominee's have  
tied in this category!



# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

- The first winner we will profile is a well known advocate for both Geriatric Medicine as a specialty, and for all geriatric patients in her region.
- Known as a fabulous educator, she is an Assistant Professor at McMaster and is an exemplary role model for medical students and staff.
- As a Geriatrician, this person has identified, treated and inspired many older adults who have experienced barriers in their treatment of complicated medical issues.
- She is an “extremely dedicated LEADER, ADVOCATE and VISIONARY inspiring us ALL to do the same”!

2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

An excerpt from the winner's nomination – written by one of her patients:

*"Almost a year ago, I had a bad fall...it was touch and go if I would pull through. The Hospitalists wrote me off – said I would never walk again and would be bed ridden for the rest of my life. But --- visited me and insisted that I could be helped. Where other Doctors had tried to deal with my problems piecemeal, --- took the time to really listen to me and to look at my whole health. I may be 88 years old, but I am still intelligent, even if I do forget things at times.*

*... I now exercise daily, walk and even manage the stairs when necessary, All because of the kindly help and encouragement of -----...she is a tremendous asset to our aging population."*

**2005**

# **Geriatric Service Recognition Awards**



**Congratulations to  
Dr. Sheri-Lynn  
Kane,  
Geriatrician -  
Winner of the  
2005 Clinician  
Award for  
Geriatric  
Service!**

# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

- The next winner in this category is described by team members as always funny, providing tireless encouragement, unselfish with her time – always ready to give and give to others.
- Has a strong social service background and uses her interpersonal savvy with families and physicians. Always persistent in advocating for the patients best interests.
- Single-handedly designed a system of receiving, directing and tracking referrals for Specialized Geriatric Services in the area.
- She is the first employee of a new innovative Geriatric Service

# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

Excerpts from this winner's nomination letter(s):

*"--- is one of the most dedicated and selfless individuals we have ever met ... there is not a day that goes by that --- is not thankful, she constantly comments on how much she loves her job and this is certainly reflected in her daily interactions with the patients, referral sources and staff. She does not meet a person or talk on the phone without a positive comment or a warm, heartfelt wish..."*

*"---'s positive approach is a model for us all. She is full of humour and outgoing; she has even organized 'CA Karaoke' with her office mates! We, as her colleagues are inspired by her attitude and we can think of no more a deserving person than --- to be recognized for giving so much to the field of Geriatrics in so short a time period".*

2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards



**Congratulations to  
Debbie Keay,  
Central Intake  
Coordinator for  
the CIM - Winner  
of the 2005  
Individual Award  
for Geriatric  
Service!**

# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

**The nominees for outstanding Executive leadership  
are:**

Brenda Fraser

Chris Carew

Dan Oettinger

David Jewell

Dr. David Lewis

Donna Cripps

Eleanor Maslin

Janet Papavasilou

Marion Emo

Kevin Sulewski

Kit Julian

Marge Dempsey

Maureen Shantz

Sheila Lancaster

Dr. Alexandra Papaioannou

Dr. Willie Molloy

Joan Kaden

# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

- The winner in this category has her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Masters of Science in Teaching from McMaster University
- She builds her teams with confidence and caring and mentors her team mates daily
- Through her leadership has enhanced and raised the profile of Palliative Care in her local community
- Strategically collaborated and led many key committees related to improved service for seniors and families



2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

An excerpt from this winner's nomination letter(s):

*"---- is a true leader in our community who 'lives what she believes' in her daily values of professionalism, compassion and caring for seniors and their families. For --- the client and family are at the core of community work. --- is passionate about client centered care and her lectures and presentations are reflective of this. --- believes each client belongs and each client has a choice and that we, as an organization, should reflect that in our values everyday when working with seniors".*

**2005**

# **Geriatric Service Recognition Awards**



**Congratulations to  
Sheila Lancaster,  
Director Palliative  
and Specialty  
Teams, Hamilton  
CCAC - Winner of  
the 2005 Executive  
Award for Geriatric  
Service!**

**2005**

# **Geriatric Service Recognition Awards**

**The nominees for outstanding Team achievement are:**

- ❖ PMAC team, Hamilton Health Sciences
- ❖ Wellington Dufferin Seniors Services Network
- ❖ Wellington Dufferin Outreach Services Team
- ❖ Freeport Hospital CTU team
- ❖ Niagara Geriatric Mental Health Outreach Team
- ❖ Haldimand Norfolk Specialized Geriatric Services
- ❖ Niagara Health Services Geriatric Assessment Team

# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

The achievements of this \_\_\_\_\_ include:

- An Elder Abuse systems approach to the Vulnerable Elderly
- Development of consultation clinics in LTC facilities to access geriatric expertise
- Support in developing a Dementia Network
- Successfully obtained funding from RGPc to develop an expert model of geriatrics for seniors with complex care needs

2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

An excerpt from this winner's nomination letter:

*"One primary reason the ---- has been so successful in its projects and work is the collective knowledge of local needs and the timely response of members to service gaps and challenges. The --- represents an exemplary model of the power and benefits of networking ... this group has fostered a culture of shared responsibility for understanding and finding solutions to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens."*

# 2005 Geriatric Service Recognition Awards



**Congratulations to  
the Wellington-  
Dufferin Seniors  
Services Network -  
Winner of the 2005  
Team Award for  
Geriatric Service!**

# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

This years nominees for outstanding Organizational achievement & leadership are:

- ❖ Alzheimer Society of Niagara
- ❖ St. Peter's Family of Services
- ❖ Grace Villa
- ❖ Park Lane Terrace
- ❖ Nimigon Retirement Home

# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

- The winner in this category was founded in 1984 by a small group of family caregivers.
- The organization offers a wide range of support services, including:
  - Family Support Programs
  - Caregiver Education Series
  - Assistive Devices
  - Workshops and Seminars
  - Lending Library
  - Friendly Visiting
  - Support Groups
  - Training for Professional Caregivers
- This organization strives to fill unmet needs in the community by developing innovative programs and services.



# 2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards

An excerpt from this winner's nomination letter(s):

*"--- is an excellent resource to all people suffering from dementia, the community and care providers. As a care provider, I know that if I suggest --- the person will receive prompt follow up and there will be continued support for as long as it is needed."*

*"Words cannot describe the degree to which the staff and Board of --- go above and beyond all expectations to carry out their work. It is quite common at fundraising events to see the spirited happy faces of the staff and their families... Christmas is a wonderful time of caring and giving as the counselors deliver over 120 special gift bags to their "home alones" and families experiencing financial difficulties that would not otherwise receive anything at holiday time..."*

2005

## Geriatric Service Recognition Awards



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to the Alzheimer  
Society of  
Niagara - Winner  
of the 2005  
Organization  
Award for  
Geriatric  
Service!**