



Welcome to the 6th Annual SERVICE AWARDS for GERIATRIC EXCELLENCE



Hosted by:



Celebrating Excellence!



- The Service Awards for Geriatric Excellence (SAGE) is a joint initiative of the Regional Geriatric Program central and St. Peter's Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences.
- The goal of SAGE is to honour the outstanding achievements of those contributing to the field, while also highlighting geriatrics as a critical field of health care.
- Tonight we recognize those who provide exemplary service and make outstanding contributions to the health, independence and quality of life of seniors.



This year we received 92 nominations!



- We received nominations in all six categories:
 - Individual
 - Executive
 - Volunteer
 - Student
 - Team
 - Organization

- And from seven regions:
 - •Brant
 - •Haldimand & Norfolk
 - •Halton
 - •Hamilton
 - •Niagara
 - •Waterloo
 - •Wellington Dufferin

A description of the award categories and a listing of all nominees can be found in your program.



Each SAGE nomination is reviewed independently by four people using standard criteria and a scoring template. The four independent scores for each nomination are tallied to determine the winner in each category.



- Despite independent scoring, we experienced a tie in the Executive category this year. Two individuals will be awarded in this category.
- New this year, to acknowledge the large number of nominees in the Individual Category, the Planning Committee agreed that two awards will be presented in this category.



Award Presentations



Individual Award



Nominees for outstanding achievement in the INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY:

Pam Accadia

McMaster University Medical Centre

Nola Bachiu

St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke

Maria Boyes

Cambridge Memorial Hospital

Tara Britton

St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke

Elizabeth Catarino

St. Peter's Hospital

Esther Coker

St. Peter's Hospital

Theresa Daly

Trellis Mental Health and Developmental Services

Kaitlin DeCiccio

St. Peter's Hospital

Jeff DeRuyter

Guelph Police Services

Darla Dicy

St. Peter's Hospital

Cami D'Uva

Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital

Sandy Durham

Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital



Nominees for outstanding achievement in the INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY:

Bonnie Franklin

Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services, City of Hamilton

Martene Harshaw

Community Mental Health Program, Niagara Region Public Health

Mildred Healy

Heritage Green Nursing Home

Pat Hexamer

Community Addiction and Mental Health Services of Haldimand & Norfolk

Diane Hinshelwood

Centre for Mountain Health Services, St. Joseph's Healthcare

Hanna Jankowski

The Wellington Long Term Care & Retirement Community

Blanka Kocnarova

St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke

Kathryn Leatherland

Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Community Care Access Centre, Haldimand Norfolk Branch

Jocelyn LeBlanc

Trellis Mental Health and Developmental Services, St. Joseph's Health Centre & Grand River Hospital



Nominees for outstanding achievement in the INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY:

Dr. Linda Lee

The Centre for Family Medicine Family

Health Team

Wayne Lew

St. Joseph's Health Centre, Guelph

Dr. Kirsten Lindner

Halton Healthcare Services

Laurie Mascaroni

St. Peter's Hospital

Louanne McClemont

Main Hess Seniors Centre

Cathy McCaffrey

St. Peter's Hospital

Liz Mersereau

St. Peter's Hospital

Lynn Nield

St. Peter's Hospital

Heather Pepper

Henderson General Hospital

Lori Phillips

Henderson General Hospital

Mary Provenzano

St. Peter's Hospital

Jean Riley

St. Peter's Hospital

Jan Roadhouse

Brant Community Healthcare System



Nominees for outstanding achievement in the INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY:

Karen Robinson

Henderson General Hospital

Sophia Ramotar

St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke

Lillian Romualdi

VON Adult Day Centre

Heather Provo Rye

VON Hamilton

Monique Saleh

Heritage Green Nursing Home

Kathy Stephens

Dynamic Therapy Solutions

Tricia Stiles

Waterloo Wellington Community Care Access

Centre

Sandra Sullivan

Chedoke Hospital

Krys Theriault

St. Peter's Hospital

Molly Watson

St. Peter's Hospital

Karen White

McMaster University Medical Centre

Annette Wilson

Haldimand-Norfolk Community Senior Support

Services Inc.

Debbie Young

St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke

Judit Zsoldos

Catholic Family Services of Hamilton



- As a member of the Seniors at Risk Community Response Network since 2006, our first winner has become a key resource to members of that network as well as the broader community serving older adults.
- This individual has been a leader in the development of a very successful program that addresses the needs of vulnerable seniors within the community and has championed training and understanding of the unique needs of older adults.
- Our winner has been a leader in the development of a successful collaborative response to seniors at risk, and regularly participates in community forums, community working groups and consultation teams.



Excerpts from the winner's nomination letters

- "...has demonstrated sensitivity to the needs of older adults, a passion and commitment to serving older adults and a tremendous dedication to the collaborative process that has been unprecedented."
- "promotes partnerships and has an inspiring vision that has positively impacted the health and well being of seniors within our community...his dedication to ensuring that the Police understand the care needs of seniors in our community is exceptional."
- "It has been said that 'it will require a community effort to create an environment which reaffirms the rights of older adults to self determination, respect and dignity' I suggest that our success has been directly related to the involvement of partners like this individual to lead us in this effort."

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And the winner is...





Congratulations to

Inspector

JEFF

DERUYTER

Winner of the 2009

Individual

Service Award for Geriatric Excellence!



- Several key themes and words are repeated in the letters supporting our second winner's nomination: commitment to inter-professional care; devotion to geriatrics; teacher; mentor; advocate; and leader.
- This individual is an exceptional inter-professional teacher and advocate for improving primary care of older adults and from very early on in her career her primary focus has always been about patient care.
- Our winner established an inter-professional and evidence-based Memory Clinic program within her Family Health Team and has established a sustainable training program to assist other Family Health Teams to establish Memory Clinics within their practices.



Excerpts from the winner's nomination letters

- "...a trailblazer for developing a desperately needed, more expert general practitioner perspective in geriatric care."
- "She coaches, encourages, cheers and inspires, and when the initial hard work is over, she continues to stay connected, to answer our many questions and directs information to us..."
- "With the recent investments and developments in primary care reform, it is extremely timely to showcase and celebrate a peer leader who can inspire a new generation of passionate and knowledgeable primary care providers."
- "She would be the first to say that we all take on a leadership role as members of the team. This is because she has worked diligently with each and every one of us...we have immense trust in each other and especially in her."



And the winner is...





Congratulations to

DR. LINDA LEE

Winner of the 2009

Individual

Service Award for Geriatric Excellence!

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Executive Award



Nominees for outstanding achievement in the EXECUTIVE CATEGORY:

Rosslyn Bentley

Upper Grand Family Health Team

Mary Burnett

Alzheimer Societies of Brant, Hamilton and Halton & Haldimand Norfolk

Kit Julian

Alzheimer Society of Haldimand Norfolk, Caregiver Wellness Centre, Haldimand Abilities Centre

Paul O'Krafka

St. Joseph's Villa

Dr. Alexandra Papaioannou

McMaster University

Andrea Pomeroy

Arbourcreek Long Term Care Centre

Jane Rufrano

Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre



Two outstanding nominees have tied in this category...



- Our first winner has been successfully leading this organization for 20 years.
- Through strong leadership and fundraising skills, political savvy and an affinity for developing innovative partnerships, this individual has been instrumental not only in the reconstruction of the organization's facility, but also in fostering many creative new programs and services that have improved the quality of life of residents and community members.
- Our winner has a long history of involvement with projects and committees related to Long Term Care and health and social service programs for seniors, demonstrating a strong dedication and commitment to improving care for older adults and overall to giving back to the community.



Excerpts from the winner's nomination letters

"has been described my many as a 'Visionary' leader... a trailblazer in the field of seniors' care...this person's commitment and care for what they do and who they represent speaks loud and clear."

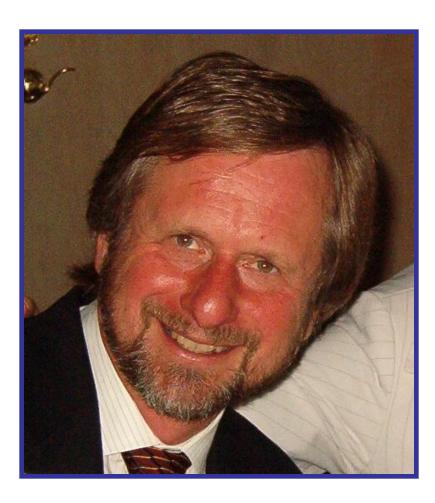
"Is genuine in the desire that every resident receive the best possible care based on clinical excellence and best practices...ensures that staff have opportunities for ongoing education and a supportive environment in which to work....provides excellent mentorship and support to staff."

"Not only the face and voice of the organization, but gives freely of their time to guide and direct those who seek counsel...one of this individual's great strengths is the ability to allow others to flourish..."



And the winner is...





Congratulations to

PAUL O'KRAFKA

Winner of the 2009

Executive

Service Award for Geriatric Excellence!



- Our second winner has made outstanding contributions to the provision of complex continuing care, rehabilitation, and geriatric services.
- This individual is a dedicated learner who, having come from a career in acute care, with intense determination became familiar with programs, services, models of care and key challenges in providing care to seniors within the hospital environment. Our winner has become a strong advocate for making hospitals more senior friendly.
- This individual has strived to meet the needs of patients and their caregivers through the establishment of innovative programs and partnerships and by spearheading significant changes to the hospital's physical environment to optimize patient well-being and to enhance family and community involvement.



Excerpts from the winner's nomination letters

- "...an outstanding executive and has been an exceptional change agent...has created a culture and environment where seniors feel safe, respected, valued, and engaged in the world around them."
- "In addition to her commitment to the patients served at the hospital, she has also become an advocate for change for the care of seniors in hospital at a LHIN and provincial level."
- "...she has demonstrated strong leadership in the field of geriatrics...promotes excellence within our organization and inspires all of us who work with her..."



And the winner is...





Congratulations to

JANE RUFRANO

Winner of the 2009

Executive

Service Award for Geriatric Excellence!



Volunteer Award



Nominees for outstanding achievement in the VOLUNTEER CATEGORY:

Dorene Ballantyne

St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke

Laurel Chadwick

Hamilton Health Sciences

Patricia Crabtree

Main Hess Seniors Centre

Ann Fawcett

St. Peter's Hospital

Mary Anne Gordon

Hamilton Health Sciences

Dunstan Griffin

St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke

Emily Hess

Post Inn Village

Hollie Kankowski

Alexander Place

Shirley Kent

Alexander Place

Les Lasky

Shalom Village

Irene Schelfhaut

Post Inn Village

Nelly Van Pagee

Friends of Linhaven

Christine Vyce

St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke

Carole Ward

Halton Oral Health Outreach, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Elder Services Advisory Committee, HNHB CCAC



- Our winner has served in multiple volunteer governing capacities.
- This individual was an instrumental force in addressing the housing needs of individuals with physical disabilities, and through our winner's leadership two new coalitions have been established to provide a voice and action plan for housing and supports for this population.
- For over a decade this individual has worked collaboratively to help build the mechanisms and linkages that allow people in need of home and community care to access and navigate the array of community supports and health services.
- Our winner has be involved in numerous community projects to improve housing, transportation, oral health services, long-term care legislation and human rights for older adults, and to address age discrimination.



Excerpts from the winner's nomination letters

"She is a life-force of strength, courage, determination and character. She has been committed to improving the quality of life of individuals with physical, cognitive, and medical compromises in our region and throughout Ontario... her engagement within her community as a volunteer has and continues to be exemplary in her commitment to helping others."

"She has a moral fiber not found in many people. She has a positive attitude that is contagious, and a strong mind-set to do the right thing...She is the essence of good will and is a non-stop contributor to the well being of those disadvantaged."



And the winner is...





Congratulations to

CAROLE WARD

Winner of the 2009

Volunteer

Service Award for Geriatric Excellence!



Student Award



Nominees for outstanding achievement in the STUDENT CATEGORY:

Kelly Bashak

Gerontology Program, McMaster University

Alison Feeney

McMaster Integrative Neuroscience Discovery & Study

Jacqueline Green, Chase McMurren & Amy Montour

McMaster Geriatric Special Interest Group

Sanket Ullal

Shalom Village



- Our winner for student achievement recently completed an undergraduate degree and has been accepted to a Masters program.
- During her undergraduate program, she completed over 100 volunteer hours with the Hospital Elder Life Program at McMaster University Medical Centre, providing weekly visits to hospitalized older adults to assist with the prevention of delirium and functional decline.
- This individual has demonstrated a genuine compassion and commitment to providing care that meets the specific needs of individuals, and has shown initiative and leadership to improve outcomes for patients.
- This student took the initiative to introduce Montessori-based activities for patients with dementia, made adaptations to the program to meet the needs and interests of specific patients and has trained new volunteers in Montessori activities.



Excerpts from the winner's nomination letters

- "...showed tremendous capacity to be a future leader and educator in the field of geriatrics. Her confident and bubbly nature enabled her to share her passion for engaging older adults with new and interesting activities and promoting their use by volunteers in our program."
- "... was a fantastic student. She went above and beyond and created tools that we will use for a long time. She recognized a need on our unit and took the initiative to remedy it...her confidence and eager attitude will allow her to do great things in her career...her ability as a future educator and leader in the field are evident."



And the winner is...





Congratulations to

KELLY BASHAK

Winner of the 2009

Student

Service Award

for Geriatric Excellence!



Team Award



Nominees for outstanding achievement in the TEAM CATEGORY:

Transportation Services

Canadian Red Cross, North Halton Branch

Chaplain Services

St. Peter's Hospital

Client Information Service

Trellis Mental Health and Developmental Services

Complex Continuing Care Case

Managers Team

St. Peter's Hospital

Engineering Department

St. Peter's Hospital

Escarpment Wing Team

Creek Way Village Long Term Care

Geriatric Medicine Team

Cambridge Memorial Hospital

Nutrition and Food Services

St. Peter's Hospital

Complex Medical Rehabilitation

Occupational Therapists Team

Henderson General Hospital

Palliative Care Home Support Team

Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant

Community Care Access Centre, Haldimand

Norfolk Branch

Safe Patient Handling Committee

St. Peter's Hospital

The Goldie's 2 Home Team

Shalom Village

Therapeutic Recreation Department

St. Peter's Hospital



- Our winning Team has provided geriatric outpatient services for 15 years. Though only a small team, through collaborative partnerships with seniors, families, community support services and primary care they have a much larger team network to help meet the needs of their patients.
- They are leaders in implementing best practices and outcome measurement, and they often provide geriatric training to colleagues in other settings and disciplines. As a team they have a strong understanding of the health care system as a whole and are always present at planning tables to help improve health and community services for older adults.
- The team has consulted for the implementation of the Geriatric Emergency Management Nurses program, introducing best practices and achieving standardization of the GEM role in their region.



Excerpts from the winner's nomination letters

"The seniors who have come into contact with their services have commented on the excellent care they have received and that the follow-up is positively remarkable...The clinical services they provide demonstrate a holistic approach to service delivery and they maintain strong partnerships with their colleagues."

"I am most impressed with the strength of this team and their flexibility and willingness to assist with improving our community and services for seniors..."



And the winner is...





Congratulations to

DR. JOHN YANG MARIA BOYES

Geriatric Medicine Team

Winners of the 2009
Team

Service Award for Geriatric Excellence!



Organization Award



Nominees for outstanding achievement in the ORGANIZATION CATEGORY:

The Carpenter Hospice

Disabled & Aged Regional Transportation System (D.A.R.T.S.)

Haldimand-Norfolk Community Senior Support Services Inc.

Psychiatry and Medicine for the Aged in the Community, Chedoke Hospital

Villa Italia Retirement Residence

Community Support Connections - Meals on Wheels and More

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- Our winner provides service to an area spanning almost 3,000 square kilometres. In spite of the many challenges of serving a vast rural area, and delivering services with limited resources, the organization has maintained its commitment to serving the needs of a growing senior population.
- The organization has overcome some of these challenges through the support of more than 450 volunteers and collaborative partnerships with various other support services in the region.
- Services provided to older adults and their families by this organization include an adult day program, Meals on Wheels, transportation, friendly visiting and telephone reassurance, volunteer hospice and caregiver support, short term intensive support services for vulnerable clients, a home maintenance brokerage, congregate dining and more.



Excerpts from the winner's nomination letters

"This is a unique organization with many facets but it follows one very important mandate, to enhance independence and quality of life..."

"As quoted from a client, 'You take very good care of me, I don't know what I would have done without you'."



And the winner is...





Congratulations to

HALDIMANDNORFOLK
COMMUNITY
SENIOR SUPPORT
SERVICES INC.

Winner of the 2009

Organization

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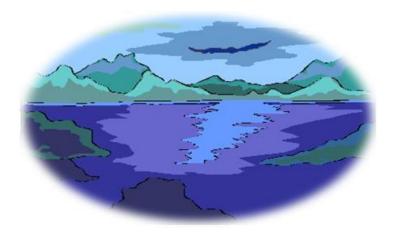


Congratulations to all 2009 SAGE Winners!





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