

Community spirit abundant in Oakville

Submissions for the 2005 Oakville Community Spirit Awards are in and the selection committee members are getting ready to cast their votes!

With the awards ceremony less than a month away, committee members are hard at work reviewing a stack of nominations with a fine tooth comb.

"On behalf of the selection committee, I'd like to congratulate this year's 2005 Community Spirit Award Nominees," said Susan Coyne, selection committee chair. "These people (the nominees) truly exemplify the meaning of community spirit! With over 30 nominations, it should make for a very exciting evening." A total of eight awards will be pre-



presented in the categories of: Group Volunteer, Individual Volunteer, Seniors, Youth, Arts, Sport Development, Heritage and History, and the Community Connections Award.

This year's nominees for the Group Volunteer and the Individual Volunteer are:

Group Volunteer Award

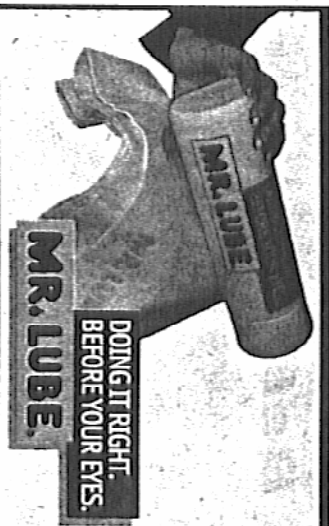
Recognizes a group of three or more individuals who have volunteered their time toward a mutual goal/activity or event that exhibits strong leadership skills, innovation and creativity. Activities or events can benefit all ages.

- Ecole Pine Grove School Volunteers - Nominated by Chris Alexiou, Principal. More than 100 volunteers have demonstrated initiative, leadership and coordination to support many extra-curricular activities at the school.
- Communities on Phone Patrol - Nominated by Vince Williams, Halton Regional Police Service. A community-

based volunteer program where participants from the community patrol their respective municipalities carrying a cellular telephone along with additional issued Police equipment

- Oakville Super Cities Walk for MS Committee - Nominated by Lana Burchett, MS Society Halton Regional Chapter. A group of individuals who have spent the last six years motivating people in Oakville to participate in a bigger and better Oakville Supercities Walk for Multiple Sclerosis.
- S.E.N.E.C.A. Seniors Day Program Volunteers - Nominated by Mary McLean, S.E.N.E.C.A. Seniors Day Program. Dedication of 25 years of vol-

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unteer service to the community. S.E.N.E.C.A. volunteers help provide activities and companionship in a nurturing environment to frail and disabled adults while supporting the families in the care-giving role within the community.

• VON Halton Friendly Visitor Volunteers – Nominated by Anne King, VON Halton. Region-wide community service of carefully screened and trained volunteers who offer high quality support to Oakville residents in need.

Individual Volunteer Award

Recognizes an individual that has made an outstanding volunteer contribution towards improving the social, health and well being of Oakville's citizens, from children through to seniors.

• Jeff Gareau – Nominated by Mike Haines and Dr. A. Majid Kazi. Recognition of outstanding volunteer work serving many local organizations to effect positive change in the Oakville community.

• Jane Hawkrigg – Nominated by Catherine Hurley for her commitment and dedication to preserving Oakville's community spirit.

• David Lozinski, St. Dominic School – Nominated by Jennifer Yust, Principal, St. Dominic

School. Using his skills as a mathematician, established a curriculum sub-committee that works with staff to plan initiatives that support the school improvement plan.

• Dee McAulay, West River Residents' Association – Nominated by Barb Stewart. For over 20 years, McAulay has provided leadership and initiated projects and activities for the West River Residents' Association.

• Richard Messer – Nominated by Ellie Van Vliet. In recognition for his contributions to the Kerr Street Community.

• Dick and Elinor Moyse, Friends of the Oakville Public Library – Nominated by Eleanor James, Oakville Public Library. In recognition for her hours of dedication and fundraising for the Oakville Public Library.

• Susan Obermeyer, Music and Art Shared Space – Nominated by Clairelise Folch and Carole Crotty. In recognition for her dedication to the cause of creating a shared space for community based cultural groups as well as outstanding volunteer work with the Oakville Suzuki Association.

• Elva Segre, The Salvation Army – Nominated by Joanne Guenther. For her action as a vol-

unteer host with The Salvation Army Legal Advice Clinic and Moms and Tots camp.

• Amanda Teiling, St. Dominic School – Nominated by Jennifer Yust, Principal, St. Dominic School. Using her graphic artist skills Amanda has volunteered to help promote initiatives within the school including a 25-foot shark, 21 life sized "Bodies of Christ" and a new school logo.

• Joanne Walden, St. Dominic School – Nominated by Jennifer Yust, Principal, St. Dominic School. In recognition of her many fundraising efforts to support the purchase of equipment and materials for the school.

• Barry Wylie, Bronte Butterfly Foundation – Nominated by Susan Sheppard, Bronte Butterfly Foundation. For his significant contributions in helping to move the Bronte Butterfly project forward.

The Town of Oakville's Community Spirit Awards event will be held Wednesday, June 15 from 5:30-9 p.m. at the Oakville Conference and Banquet Centre (2515 Wyecroft Road).

To reserve dinner tickets at \$30 per person, contact Louise Veres 905.845.6601 ext 3154 or lveres@oakville.ca.