

VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2009-2010

“Let someone else acknowledge your virtues”

- A New Zealand Maori proverb

Do you know someone with a heart of gold?

Each year ALS Ontario honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the ALS community and to ALS Ontario. Now is the time to nominate those you think have made valuable contributions to let them know their efforts are appreciated.

Why?

Volunteers are the foundation on which we build support within the ALS community so show them we appreciate their hearts of gold by nominating them for an award.

Who?

Volunteers are people who dedicate their free time to ALS Ontario in a multitude of capacities from peer support and administration to fundraising – each individual’s contribution is priceless.

“A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.”

- G. Thomas Gale

What?

All awards will be presented at a Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony on October 30th 2010. Nominations for the awards may be made by any person and will be reviewed for consideration by a Selection Committee. Current members of the Board of Directors are not eligible to receive the awards. Nominees must be residents of Ontario.

The nomination guidelines below will direct those wishing to submit nominations which must be received by **September 18, 2010**.

Attached you will find the criteria for each award.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

All Nomination Packages Must Include :

- Volunteer Award Nomination Form
- Biographical Sketch between 200 to 500 words in length. It may include achievements and contribution dating back five years, but emphasis should be placed on the previous year's achievements.
- Two Supporting Letters written by individuals who have knowledge of the nominee and his/her contribution to the ALS cause.



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Please send all nominations by September 18, 2010.

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OR
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Please Note:

Posthumous nominations are allowed.

If you have further questions, please direct them to Louise LeBlanc at 1-800-565-3000 ext 3304 or louise@alsont.ca.

VOLUNTEER AWARD CRITERIA

ESMOND BUTLER AWARD

Esmond Butler was the private secretary to five Canadian Governor Generals. He provided stability by staying in a position that he could easily have used to move him on to a more powerful role. But, he believed in the institution he served and chose to remain in his position to provide consistency and to encourage change to this institution by endorsing sensible reforms. He died in 1989 after his battle with ALS.

The nominee for this award must have demonstrated attributes which reflect those of Esmond Butler : **leadership; constancy; loyalty; and a positive stable impact on the ALS community through an extended time of volunteer service for the Society.**

JACK MUIRHEAD AWARD

Jack Muirhead, himself a person with ALS of twenty years, was a "builder", a man "in the trenches". In 1988, Jack was instrumental, along with others, in bringing together a number of smaller ALS chapters to establish the ALS Society of Ontario. He then went on to serve as the Society's first President where he encouraged staff and volunteers in their chosen roles and validated the importance of what each person did.

The recipient of this award should demonstrate the **innovation, creativity, perseverance, thoroughness, and visionary abilities** of this man who showed, as well, **great concern and care for people with ALS and their families**, to all of whom he devoted a great deal of time.

EXCELLENCE IN FUNDRAISING AWARD

This award recognizes an individual or group in the community who has demonstrated excellence in fundraising. Excellence is defined as the development of innovative ideas and the attainment or betterment of personal and fundraising goals which further the aims of ALS Ontario at all levels. The individual or group receiving this award demonstrates innovation and creativity in raising funds for ALS Ontario.

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC AWARENESS AWARD

The nominee for this award should demonstrate excellence in raising public awareness about ALS and ALS Ontario. Public awareness activities may include liaisons with the media, speaking to the public or other organizations about the Society, and coordinating public awareness displays. This individual or group has, in some way, contributed to spreading the word about ALS and ALS Ontario.

EXCELLENCE IN SUPPORT SERVICES AWARD

This award exemplifies the development and provision of Support Services by an individual or



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group within the community. Support services may include friendly visiting, referrals to community and provincial services, information days, education of health care providers, facilitating access to information, services and assistance available to people with ALS and their families.

RISING STAR AWARD (VOLUNTEER YOUTH AWARD)

The Youth Award recognizes people who are 26 or under who have been actively volunteering with us either on their own, or as part of a group to help improve the lives of people with ALS. This award will recognize volunteer work including awareness, fundraising, advocacy, or going above and beyond to care for an individual living with ALS by providing assistance, companionship and support.

WALK 'N ROLL AWARD (VOLUNTEER WALK AWARD)

The Volunteer Walk Award is to recognize volunteers with outstanding achievements in developing a new walk, growing a walk, raising community awareness for a walk and the cause of ALS, and surpassing fundraising targets. This is a separate award than the current Excellence in Fundraising Award.

VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATION FORM 2009-2010

I wish to place the following nomination before the Selection Committee for the 2009-2010 ALS Society of Ontario Volunteer Awards. I nominate :

Name : _____

Address : _____

City : _____ Postal Code : _____

Phone Home : _____ Business : _____

for the following award :

- ESMOND BUTLER AWARD**
- JACK MUIRHEAD AWARD**
- EXCELLENCE IN FUNDRAISING AWARD**
- RISING STAR AWARD***
- EXCELLENCE IN SUPPORT SERVICES AWARD**
- WALK 'N ROLL AWARD***
- EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC AWARENESS AWARD**

* New awards for 2010 Volunteer Appreciation Event (awards will be distributed at the Volunteer Appreciation Event on October 30th, 2010)

Does the nominee have ALS? Yes No

