



## **List of Special Olympics Canada Award Winners**

### **Athletes of the Year (Formerly Female and Male Athlete of the Year)**

Two athletes are honoured each year. Winners are chosen not just for their athletic achievements, but also for their exemplification of the true spirit of Special Olympics.

### **Past Winners:**

1996 – Lonni May Baird (AB) & Harvey Arcangeletti (ON)

1997 Leslie Ann Bartlett (NF) & Rick Francis (ON)

1998 - Shelly Yamamoto (AB) & Casey Smutylo (ON)

1999 – Patty Connors (NB) & Wayne Bauche (MB)

2000 – Suzie Smith (PE) & Jackie Barrett (NS)

2001 Andrea Dowey (ON) & Sandy Morrison (NS)

2002 – Tammy Chambers (MB) & Jamie King (ON)

2003 – Diane Gannon (ON) & Paul Aubuchon (BC)

2004 – Rebecca Nicholson (NB) & Andrew Ash (NL)

2005 – Brita Hall (MB) & David Ingram (MB)

2006 – Nicole Ferguson (ON) & Mike Goguen (NB)

2007 – Pauline Shaw (BC) & Jason Richardson (ON)

2008 – Janet Maher (Nfld) & Michael Qing (SK)

2009 – Coralee Cooke (Sask) & Marc Thériault (BC)

2010 – Lynette Sampson (NS) & Richard Gillis (BC)

2011 – Alyssa Chapman (PE) & Michael Qing (SK)

2012 – Elisha Donaghey-Johnston (ON) & Jeremy Mueller (NL)



2013 – Ellen MacNearney (PE) & Tim Goodacre (ON)

2014 – Samantha Currie (MB) & Stephen Graham (ON)

2015 – Sarah Brown (NL) & Jackie Barrett (NL)

2016 – Shelly Poland (BC) & Michael Qing (SK)

2017 – Paige Norton (BC) & Jack Fan (ON)

2018 – Ellen MacNearney (PE) & Tyler Haddad (SK)

2019 – Tianna Zimmerman (SK) & Jesse Canney (NB)

2020 – Monique Shah (ON) & Matthew Williams (BC)



### **Coaches of the Year (Formerly Female and Male Coach of the Year)**

Two coaches are honoured each year. Winners are chosen based on the athletic achievements of their athletes, the leadership they show on and off the playing field and the contribution they make to Special Olympics as a whole.

#### **Past Winners:**

1989 - Heather Gudmundson & Bill Forest (MB)

1990 – Imogene Watt & Larry Sheppard (ON)

1991 – Daralynn D’Angelo & Robb Berezan (BC)

1992 – Cam Huberdeau (SK) & Carol Zamin (ON)

1993 – Marlene Davis (ON) & Karl Dittmar

1994 – Sharon Ward (NF) & Bob Henderson (NS)

1995 – Marie Adamson (MB) & Lorne Morgan (NF)

1996 – Shelly Hobbs (MB) & Daryl Wiebe (SK)

1997 – Joyce Wityshyn (MB) & Tim Tazumi (AB)

1998 – Delores (Dee) Neukom (BC) & Dino Pedicelli (QC)

1999 – Lorrie Roebuck (ON) & Heavy Evason (MB)

2000 – Ruth MacInnes (NS) & Doug Castor (MB)

2001 – Joanne Zahaiko (MB) & Jim McGuire (BC)

2002 – Kelly Zackodnik (AB) & George Reitmeier (AB)

2003 – Luwanna Fagan (NS) & Bob Boisvert (ON)

2004 – Sallie Szanik (BC) & Harvey Hunter (BC)

2005 – Joyce Wityshyn (MB) & Martin McSween (AB)

2006 – Heather Todoschuk (MB) & Gord Stewart (MB)



2007 – Jackie Powell (SK) & Ian Pavlik (ON)

2008 – Maureen Brinson (BC) & Alain Maillé (QC)

2009 – Nanci Martin (BC) & Gerry Landry (Ont)

2010 – Jaci Gaetz (BC) & Jason Agnew (NB)

2011 – Arlene McTeer (AB) & Ross MacIntosh (NS)

2012 – Kelly Edwards (AB) & Michel Guyon (QC)

2013 – Tracey Robertson (NWT) & Calvin Dyck (BC)

2014 – Tanya Smith (NL) & Brent Lohmer (MB)/Glen Ellison (BC)

2015 – Barb Fredrickson (SK) & Tom Norton (BC)

2016 – Ann Kilby (PE) & Garth Vickers (BC)

2017 – Donna Bilous (BC) & Cyril MacDonald (NS)

2018 – Rosemary Ryan (NL) & Paul Turner (ON)

2019 – Angela Behn (BC) & Peter De Marchi (BC)

2020 – Laura Woodall (ON) & Ron Struch (MB)

## **Team of the Year**

One team of Special Olympics athletes are honoured each year. Winners are chosen based on the athletic achievements of the team, their exemplification of the true spirit of Special Olympics and their ability to work together as a team.

### **Past Winners:**

1997 – Fort Erie Phantoms, Floor Hockey (ON)

1998 – Kelowna Grizzlies, Softball (BC)

1999 – Neguac Thunder – Softball (NB)

2000 – Winnipeg Wolverines – Soccer (MB)

2001 – Wheat City Wings – Floor Hockey (MB)

2002 – Hamilton Hurricanes – Soccer (ON)

2003 – Brandon Comets – Softball (MB)

2004 – PEI Stars – Floor Hockey (PE)

2005 – Paul Phillips Rink – Curling (PE)

2006 – Shilo Gunners – Curling (MB)

2007 – Surrey Vipers – Soccer (BC)

2008 – Chester Curlers (NS)

2009 – Brampton Panthers (ON)

2010- Les Dragons de la Rive-Sud (QC)

2011- PEI Jays (PE)

2012- PEI Curling Team (PE)

2013 – Saskatoon Stingers (SK)

2014 – D’Bears (MB)

2015 – SONL Soccer Team (NL)

2016 – Team Sask Melfort Curling Team (SK)

2017 – Team Canada West (SK)

2018 – Halifax Warriors (NS)

2019 – Hurricanes Exploits Curling Team (NL)

2020 – Humboldt Floor Hockey Team (SK)

### **Frank Selke Jr. Fundraising Volunteer of the Year**

This award is presented each year to a volunteer directly involved in the organization and execution of a provincial/territorial Special Olympics festival event. Winners are chosen based on their lifetime contributions to Special Olympics festivals in their chapter and their demonstration of leadership and integrity in organizing these events.

#### **Past Winners:**

2006 – Mark Service (ON)

2007 - Lorna Flemming (NS)

2008 – Scott Ellis (BC)

2009 – Carol Bosse (ON)

2010 – Steve Loggie (PE)

2011 – Judy Dobbin (NL)

2012 – Daniel Granger (QC)

2013 – Don Burke (ON)

2014 – Lorraine LeClair (NB)

2015 – Mike Van Hees (ON)

2016 – Michel Lafortune (ON)

2017 – Sue Skeffington (PE)

2018 – Mark Milliere (ON)

2019 – Mike McClenahan & Michael Blondé (BC)

2020 – Nick Amyoony (NS)



### **Rob Plunkett Law Enforcement Torch Run Award**

This award is presented to a law enforcement officer who volunteers their time to fundraising activities for Special Olympics through the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Winners are chosen based on their lifetime contributions to Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run and their leadership in raising funds for the organization. This award is named after Detective Constable Robert Plunkett, a veteran of the York Regional Police and a true champion of the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

#### **Past Winners:**

2008 – Lorne White (ON)

2009 – Paul Manuel (AB)

2010 – Alan Richardson (ON)

2011 – Joanne Wild (BC)

2012 – Mike Currie (ON)

2013 – Brian Snyder (ON)

2014 – Stephen Hug (SK)

2015 – Michael McAllister (ON)

2016 – Rick Taylor (AB)

2017 – Stacey Campbell (ON)

2018 – Barry Kross (BC)

2019 – Pascal Richard (QC)

2020 – Mark McGugan (ON)



**Jim Thompson Award (Formerly Chairperson's Award)**

This award is presented each year to a non-coaching volunteer. Winners are chosen based on their lifetime contributions to Special Olympics in the areas of sport, fundraising, administration or major games. The award is named after Jim Thompson, a longtime supporter and dear friend to Special Olympics.

**Past Winners:**

1996 – Pat Sywulich (SK)

1997 – Judy Wakeford (MB)

1998 – Robert Sokalski (MB)

1999 – Bruce French (ON)

2000 – Sylvie Bedard-Tourigny (QC)

2001 – Ken Carson (ON)

2002 – Cecil Villard (PE)

2003 – Gloria DeMers (NS)

2004 – Heavy Evason (MB)

2005 – Rita Agnew (NB)

2006 – Cam Huberdeau (SK)

2007 – Evan Ash (NF)

2008 – Peter Howatt (PE)

2009 - Dr. Carmel Casey (NL)

2010 – Glen Agnew (NB)

2011 – Jade Lawsane (QC)

2012 – Cathy Mason (NS)

2013 – Karen Theriault (BC)

2014 – Darren Whitehead (SK)

2015 – Bill Mills (ON)

2016 – Carol Wideman (AB)

2017 – Francis Sampson (NS)

2018 – John & Dorothy Wikstrom (SK)

2019 – Lesley Sobey (NS)

2020 – Jodi Flanagan (AB)

### **Harry “Red” Foster Award**

This award is presented to an individual who exemplifies the spirit, philosophy and goals of the Special Olympics movement. Winners are chosen based on their contributions to the development, awareness and success of Special Olympics in Canada. This award is named after Harry “Red” Foster, the founder of Special Olympics Canada and is the highest award bestowed by SOC to a volunteer.

#### **Past Winners:**

Les Hull (NB)

Howard Carter (BC)

Mary Ann Crowley (NS)

Ray Johnson (BC)

Lanny McDonald (AB)

Dave “Tiger” Williams (BC)

Wayne Hildahl (MB)

Glen Agnew (NB)

Harold Smith (ON)

Noella Douglas (QC)

Bruce Jansen (BC)

Ted Irvine (MB)

Ed Hyttenrauch (ON)

Don Taylor (AB)

Thomas Gibson (SK)

June Rothwell (SK)

Jim Young (ON)

Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg (MB)

Brian Etherington (ON)

Lorne White (ON)

Bob Winsor (QC)

Jennifer McTavish (MB)

David Garard (ON)

Colin MacKinnon (BC)

Frank Selke (ON)

Tom Wright (ON)

Bob Nicholson (ON)

Al Dyer (SK)

Beverley Hammond (ON)

Mark, Paul & Sean Etherington (ON)

Terry Richardson (NS)

Daniel Granger (QC)

**Dr. Frank Hayden Athlete Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award is presented to an individual(s) who has achieved athletic success over the course of their career, as well as constantly served as a role model to their fellow athletes and exemplified the true spirit of Special Olympics. This award is named after Dr. Frank Hayden, whose research on athletes with an intellectual disability led to the creation of Special Olympics in 1968.

**Past Winners:**

2014 – Brita Hall & Nicole Ferguson (ON)

2015 – Jackie Barrett (NL)

2016 – Patti Connors (PE) & Terry Livingstone (SK)

2017 – Shane Haddad (SK)

2018 – Wayne Morton (ON)

2019 – Tommy MacGuigan (PE)

2020 – Nerissa Pooran (ON)