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Diana	Alcaraz	1st Maple Scouts	Diana Alcaraz is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with the 1st Maple Scouts as a 1st Maple Beaver Leader for the past two years. Diana creates a warm and welcoming as well as inclusive space for beavers of all ages. With an abundance of ideas to share, she has been an integral part to the “growth of the colony”. Her enthusiasm, energy, and creativity never cease to amaze the group and they are always greeted with smiles and positive encouragement in sharing their ideas. “Diana has made the pond a great place to be.”
Victor	Arrobas	The Joe Dwek Ohr HaEmet Sephardic School	Victor Arrobas is receiving this award for his volunteer work with The Joe Dwek Ohr HaEmet Sephardic School. A proud alumnus, Victor has selflessly dedicated countless hours of his time, in the running of every aspect of the school, to ensure the success of the organization. Prior to his elected role as president, he personally spearheaded many committees and was actively involved in all fundraising initiatives. Victor has five children, two of which are also alumni and three of which are currently enrolled in the school. He is best known to all for his honest, hardworking and humble nature.
Pamela	Bielak	Crafting for a Cure	Pamela Bielak is a recipient of this award for her volunteer work with Crafting for a Cure. As the founder of this not-for-profit organization, Pamela has been making a difference in the lives of children in the community for over a decade. Her organization prepares craft kits for children and young adults hospitalized in over 100 hospitals across Canada to help make their stay more comfortable. Recently, Pamela’s program was expanded to include young adults hospitalized with mental illness through the providing of self-esteem items (i.e. a journal or stuffed animal) to allow and support a safe space for all.
Mace	Blundell	Woodbridge Horticultural Society	Mace Blundell is receiving of this award for his volunteer work for over ten years as director on the executive committee of the Woodbridge Horticultural Society. Mace has been active in the planning of events with the society, as well as participating in these same events. He has assisted in beautification projects including installing colourful flower pots or Christmas decorations on the Woodbridge Avenue bridge, cleaning and planting in Armstrong park, and participating in clean-ups of the Wallace House garden. He has also been instrumental in assisting with set up for monthly meetings including working at the membership table and the flower show. Mace is best known among his colleagues as a definite asset to the society.
Linda	Calabro	Knights of Columbus/ Parent Court St. Gabriel	Linda Calabro is a recipient of this award for her volunteer work with Knights of Columbus/Parent Court St. Gabriel. Over the past seven years, Linda has demonstrated outstanding devotion to her community and school, St. Gabriel the Archangel, through her dedicated efforts at ensuring that the children who attend St. John Bosco and now St. Gabriel always had a proper and Healthy Snack and Hot Lunch Program to ensure the children were nutritiously fed. During the Christmas season, she also developed the Adopt a Family program wherein each season 21 families are provided packages of food, clothes and toys. Linda has indeed devoted numerous hours in bettering our schools and community.

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Charles	Camilleri	Hangin' Out Together	Charles Camilleri is receiving this award for his volunteer work with Hangin' Out Together. Founder of this free drop-in program for people with special needs, and run solely by Charles, it is currently in its 14th year with meetings held twice weekly at Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre. Charles organizes outings, provides social and recreational opportunities and hosts an annual fundraiser to support and sustain the program. Additionally, he volunteers his time to help run a chess club and an indoor bocce program for seniors.
Velevia	Campbell	Redeemed Christian Church Of God-House of Miracles	Velevia Campbell is receiving this award for her volunteerism with the Redeemed Christian Church of God – House of Miracles. A dedicated, outstanding and phenomenal volunteer in the church for the past two years, Velevia has played a significant role as the Bible Study Leader, co-championed the children's department looking after their physical and spiritual needs, as well as the adult attendees. She is also a significant member of the church choir. She has contributed greatly by constantly being present and punctual at every meeting. Velevia is an outstanding role model to all young believers and volunteers.
Alessandro	Casbarro	Vaughan Youth Food Drive	Alessandro Casbarro is a recipient of this award for his volunteerism with the Vaughan Youth Food Drive, an organization formed to assist families in need during the holiday season. An active volunteer in the City of Vaughan, Alessandro served as a member of the founding committee and as honorary volunteer co-chair in this new initiative. Under his exceptional leadership, Alessandro led volunteers in raising 15,000 pounds of food in a few short weeks! At 14 years old, he had selflessly volunteered his evenings and weekends, without hesitation, to visit with donors or assist with food collection, with a vision for the betterment of his community. Alessandro is a creative, dedicated, hardworking and inspirational young man with a kind and generous spirit that will surely lead to further great community work in the future.
Alyssa	Chankseliani	CNIB Foundation	Alyssa Chankseliani is receiving this award for her volunteerism as a Vision Mate volunteer for the CNIB Foundation. Alyssa has been a volunteer with the organization for two years and has provided excellent assistance to one of the foundation's clients. She is a very cheerful and personable person, who is always willing to go above and beyond for her client. She has managed to build a trustworthy bond with her client, and as per the client's comment, she "is very happy with the time they spend and agrees that Alyssa should be nominated for this award." Alyssa is a reliable volunteer who is dedicated to giving back in her community and the organization is very happy to have her as part of the volunteering team.
Tony	Chiovitti	Vaughan Soccer Club	Tony Chiovitti is a recipient of this award for his volunteer work with the Vaughan Soccer Club since 2013. During his volunteer years with the club, Tony has held different board positions including elected Vaughan Soccer Club director-at-large (2013-2014) and elected vice president recreational (2015-current). His dedication to his role as a coach has culminated in his achievement of outstanding training leading to the management of the successful Saturday House League Recreational programs. Known as a "pillar for the club", Tony has exemplified the tenets of a model volunteer, always going above and beyond any expectations.

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Teresa	Ciaravella	Vaughan in Motion	Teresa Ciaravella is receiving this award for her volunteerism with Vaughan in Motion for the past 16 years. Having initiated the Loonie-Toonie Drive in the York Catholic District School Board's elementary school system in 2013, Teresa has played an integral role in the annual Walk for Cancer Care held annually at Vaughan Mills. The Loonie-Toonie Drive has raised over \$25,000 with the added success of the annual walk growing into a large family and children event. Teresa's dedication and hard work has contributed tremendously to the success of the drive and, in turn, the success of the Walk for Cancer Care.
Robert	Colelli	Vaughan SantaFest	Robert Colelli is receiving this award for his volunteer work for the past 16 years with Vaughan SantaFest, fostering civic pride and community spirit. While on the committee as treasurer, Robert also assisted with parade logistics from float decorating to replacing the roof on Santa's House, and much more. He is a Knight of Columbus (pioneer) since the formation of Maple Council and has served as a member of the Finance Council for St. David's Parish. Robert is also an active fundraiser/volunteer for numerous charities including Mackenzie Health and Villa Charities in Vaughan. His dedication is to be commended as he serves as a pillar in the community.
Kevin	Costa	The Vitanova Foundation	Kevin Costa is a recipient of this award for his volunteer work with The Vitanova Foundation. An ongoing volunteer for the past ten years, Kevin has assigned and accepted many jobs, and has always fully completed each with success. Exceptionally loyal to Vitanova, he exhibits a "future-oriented" mindset, having already volunteered in making a major contribution to the foundation's next big project – building an on-site chapel.
Gus	Dal Colle	Meta Foundation	Gus Dal Colle is receiving this award for his volunteerism with the Meta Foundation. Gus has been a volunteer director on Meta Foundation's board of directors for the past four years. His ultimate responsibility has been to assist the board in improving, increasing and widening its fundraising capacity. Gus introduced the foundation to CanadaHelps, an organization dedicated to the setup of fundraising campaign information and donation processing in an efficient and effective manner. Gus is also a member of the foundation's annual Walk, Relay & Gran Fondo committee which successfully raised \$127,000 in 2018.
Shirley	de Gannes	Thornhill African Caribbean Canadian Association (TACCA)	Shirley de Gannes is a recipient of this award for her volunteer work with the Thornhill African Caribbean Canadian Association (TACCA). Dependable, responsible and dedicated, Shirley has volunteered for the past three years sharing her creativity through teaching sewing pattern making and arts and crafts. She has also volunteered in TACCA activities and events such as Culture Days, Black History Month Celebrations, York Regional Police Holiday in the Village, and the Annual Gala event. Shirley has demonstrated her talent as a graduate from the Academy of Fashion and Design by creating evening gowns for beauty pageants and showcasing her designs on fashion runways in Toronto and lends herself to volunteering with other organizations which enhance her life and give her a sense of satisfaction.

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Edna	de Guzman	Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV)	Edna de Guzman is receiving this award for her volunteerism with the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV). Edna serves as a member on the board of directors, having volunteered for more than three years. She assists in teaching line dancing lessons to members, as well as providing refreshments and organizing fundraising initiatives, such as the Spring Dinner Dance and Casino fundraising. Known for her pleasant and friendly personality, Edna is very much a team player and a definite asset to the organization.
Isabella	Di Felice	Blue Veil Charity / Sara Elizabeth Centre	Isabella Di Felice is a recipient of this award for her volunteer work with the Blue Veil Charity/Sara Elizabeth Centre. Isabella has served as a volunteer peer support worker for the past two years, sharing her gifts and talents with youth members 13 years of age and older who have enhanced needs. She assists in Saturday social programs, along with seasonal camps. Isabella also provides one-on-one support, supervises youth and outings, and assists program instructors in various art-based activities. In the spirit of unity, she promotes social inclusion and diversity within the special needs community and helps participants live the motto "Everyone shines like a star". Isabella is truly a role model to youth of all abilities.
Micayla	Doria	WOOF-A-PALOOZA	Micayla Doria is receiving this award for her volunteer work as an event coordinator with Woof-a-Palooza. Having volunteered with the organization since 2015, Micayla has served in a variety of roles including executing public relations, marketing, website, design, and volunteer coordination. She is a well-established artist and graduate of OCAD and has lent her skills to creating wonderful pieces for the organization, including a theatre. Woof-a-Palooza is grateful to Micayla for her "energetic and positive attitude in growing the woof team!".
Harjit	Gahunia	Mackenzie Health Volunteer Association	Harjit Gahunia is receiving this award for his volunteerism over the past six years with the Mackenzie Health Volunteer Association. Donating an astounding 3,300 volunteer hours, Harjit is known for his supportive nature, assisting patients and visitors with wayfinding within the hospital, volunteering at the information desk and providing clerical support to a variety of departments including Patient Relations, Financial Services and Clinical Informatics. Never allowing his mobility to limit his ability in positively contributing to patients' experiences, Harjit has earned the respect of his colleagues, both staff and volunteers, always sporting a smile and an inspirational desire to contribute.
Stacey	Falbo	Waves of Changes for Autism	Stacey Falbo is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism over the past three years with Waves of Changes for Autism. Stacey has served as an executive committee member and joined the team with a plethora of special skills and qualities including holding an honours degree in English and French literature, and having worked as a public relations manager and a writing consultant, as well as owning her own Pilates studio. Within the organization, Stacey has been instrumental in building awareness, has hosted and attended many events, produced newsletters, written endless agendas and secured many sponsorship funds to assist autistic children and their families in the City of Vaughan. Stacey has demonstrated a genuine commitment to the cause and exhibits a great work ethic.

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Vanessa	Fallone	Youth Bocce Canada	Vanessa Fallone is receiving this award for her volunteer work with Youth Bocce Canada. In 2018, Vanessa promoted awareness and provided aid for approximately 400 special needs athletes living in Vaughan and the Greater Toronto Area. She attended all Youth Bocce events, including tournaments, the Christmas Bocce Banquet and many more. Vanessa continues to represent the Youth Bocce Canada organization with passion and serves as an example of a “fine volunteer”.
Risa	Feldman	Reena	Risa Feldman is a recipient of this award for her volunteer work as a day program volunteer with Reena. Noted for her “staying power”, Risa (R=Really, I=Inspiring, S=Storytelling, A=Amazing) has volunteered with the organization since 1998 and has rarely missed a Tuesday afternoon in over 20 years where she brings to life - with her eloquence - educational, historical, holiday and faith-based books and magazines. A “wonderful and dedicated volunteer” who often receives a standing ovation upon her entrance, Risa interacts with everyone whose life she touches with much grace, zeal, and determination.
Selina	Fiorini	Vaughan International Film Festival	Selina Fiorini is receiving this award for her volunteerism as floor director with the Vaughan International Film Festival. A team member for the past five years, Selina began her volunteer journey assisting with collecting tickets at the door. She has since taken on the role of running the organization’s award show. Selina is passionate about the industry and continuously demonstrates leadership skills, not only towards the position itself, but also in her interactions with volunteers who are in the beginning stages of their volunteer experience.
Loredana	Forestieri	Yellow Brick House	Loredana Forestieri is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism since January 2017 with the Yellow Brick House. Loredana has taken on many volunteer tasks, including assisting at events, however, her main role has remained providing childcare to children who have often witnessed violence and may have experienced abandonment issues. Her patient and caring manner has led to counsellors noting that counselling sessions are much more effective for clients as they are able to relax and focus knowing their children are being well cared for.
Sathish	Gnanakumar	Vaughan Cricket Club Inc.	Sathish Gnanakumar is receiving this award for his volunteer work as technical director and head coach with the Vaughan Cricket Club Inc. Sathish has volunteered with the club for over three-and-a-half years and has been instrumental in the club’s growth, as well as in advancing the junior teams to the play-offs in the cricket league. Having devoted countless hours towards the development of youth and the success of the club, he brings with him previous experience developing new talent and youth overseas, imparting upon the participants the tenets of techniques and sportsmanship which assisted in the youth achieving great heights of success.

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Susan	Gortler	Circle of Care	Susan Gortler is a recipient of this award for her volunteer work with Meals on Wheels Driver, Circle of Care. A dedicated and compassionate member of the team, her contribution is simply outstanding. Susan generously gives of her time, warmth, humor and her caring personality. In the past one-and-a-half years, she has contributed many hours of volunteer service to clients in the community. When extra meals beyond her regular route require delivery, this never poses a problem for her. Always ready to deliver for an extra day when the need arises, Susan's generosity of spirit, compassion and tireless efforts to deliver meals to every client, regardless of weather conditions and area of delivery, is greatly appreciated.
Hyo-Nam	Gwon	Just The Little Lights Relief Organization	Hyo-Nam Gwon is receiving this award for his volunteerism with Just The Little Lights Relief Organization. Hyo-Nam has been volunteering with the organization since 2016. Affectionately known for his empathetic demeanor and responsible nature, he has dedicated his time and efforts to attending at various generous grocers in the area and assisting in delivering the food items donated to those in need on a daily basis. Hyo-Nam continues to exhibit volunteer qualities that serve as an example and inspiration to others.
Rob	Haggart	Maple Health Centre	Rob Haggart is receiving this award for his volunteer work as a pet therapy volunteer with the Maple Health Centre. Rob, and his faithful pet therapy dog, Scout, enthusiastically visit residents every Thursday morning without fail for the past three years, bringing a smile to the faces of residents and staff alike. Last Fall, Maple Health Centre celebrated Rob and Scout's 100th visit with a party complete with dog treats and dog themed cupcakes. In addition to his dedicated pet therapy visits, Rob has also been known to drop in with his kids when residents have requested a special visit from him, whether to cook a meal together, or share photographs and artwork. Rob and Scout's incredible dedication to the volunteer team at Maple Health Centre is truly appreciated.
Eman	Hasan	St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School	Eman Hasan is a recipient of this award for her volunteer work as a school settlement worker since 2015 with St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School. As an Arabic speaking professional, Eman was primarily responsible in working with the Arabic speaking students, but not before long the new students quickly gravitated to her generosity as she made herself available to all students regardless of ethnicity. "A woman of incredible energy", she is always seeking new ways to be of assistance to others. Eman has initiated the WILPower (Women in Leadership), inviting mothers and female relatives of students to attend workshops addressing various needs from employment to personal wellness. On a number of occasions, she has participated and volunteered her time and energy at the Good Shepherd, ran school-level food and clothing drives and also helped supervise students on school trips. Eman is indeed invaluable to the school and broader school community.
Dr. Mary	Hookey	McMichael Canadian Art Collection	Dr. Mary Hookey is receiving this award for her volunteer work with the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, McMichael Volunteer Committee (MVC) for the last 17 years. During the past three years, Dr. Hookey has served in the elected position of vice president on the volunteer committee, having previously served as president for two years, and prior to that, in the role of nominations chair. She brings forth to the committee strong governance knowledge, guidance and information resources. Her continual desire to learn, grow and share continues to be remarkable.

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Carmen	Kallideen	La Rocca Memorial Society	Carmen Kallideen is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with La Rocca Memorial Society. Carmen has served on the board of directors since 2012 and brings her ebullient personality, vibrant ideas, and ongoing dedication to the work she performs. As the vice president of the organization, Carmen assists with organizing all events, connecting with alumni and spreading awareness about community enrichment. Since her involvement on the board, the organization has been able to connect with a greater number of students, increase sponsorship and organize new initiatives. Upholding the principles that are the very cornerstone of the organization, Carmen is an excellent leader and motivator.
Nahid	Khan	Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women (EHCW)	Nahid Khan is receiving this award for her volunteer work since 2015 with the Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women (EHCW). As a program volunteer, Nahid is recognized for her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts. Nahid has worked on several projects involving the community, including her leadership roles in creating souvenirs for the International Women's Day event held at Vaughan City Hall. Elspeth Heyworth Centre is "grateful to have a dedicated volunteer like Nahid who continues to build strong ties with the Vaughan community".
Song-Ku	Kim	Korean Community Centre For Multiculturalism	Song-Ku Kim is a recipient of this award for his volunteerism with the Korean Community Centre For Multiculturalism. For the past 20 years, Song-Ku has dedicated his time and effort in serving others as director and chair. In his role as director, he has supported the executive director in setting out rules and regulations of the Korean Heritage Language Program in conjunction with the York Region District School Board, a free program with over 200 students registered annually. Song-Ku's empathy, integrity and responsibility are shining qualities serving as an example for others to follow.
Josh	Kleinberg	Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs (Kavanah Garden)	Josh Kleinberg is receiving this award for his volunteer work with the Shoresh Jewish Environmental Program, Kavanah Garden. Josh has demonstrated his dedication through his attendance at every weekly garden-work session held, working extra hard to grow food for the organization's partner charity, Chasdei Kaduri Jewish Food Bank, also a Vaughan organization. Exceptionally skilled in carpentry, Josh built a solar oven in his spare time, allowing visitors to the garden to enjoy sun-heated tea and snacks. During the winter months, he continues to play an integral role to the Shoresh team, building displays for events and attending the office on a weekly basis to assist where needed. His time and effort have been instrumental in the program's 2018 success.
Sung-Han	Lee	Korean-Canadian Alliance	Sung-Han Lee is a recipient of this award for his volunteerism with the Korean-Canadian Alliance. Since 2013, Sung-Han has dedicated his time and efforts in assisting with various improvements to the organization's mandate and has demonstrated his dedication and caring for the well-being of Korean-Canadians in York Region. During the past municipal elections, he assisted with campaign efforts, educating constituents in the community as to the importance of voting, resulting in a greater voter engagement.

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Donna	Leone	City of Vaughan	Donna Leone is receiving this award for the dedication of her time and talent to numerous charitable organizations. Always happy to provide support, and holding true to the virtues of volunteerism, Donna's work is always completed with a smile and positive attitude. As a member of the Delia Social and Cultural Club, she served as president and was instrumental in organizing the twinning of the City of Vaughan and Delia. Donna also served as director and was on the executive board of the National Congress of Italian Canadians, as a gala committee member of A Touch of Hope Charity, and a volunteer with Out of the Cold where she assisted with organizing and serving meals for the homeless.
Steven	Levstik	Knights of Columbus St. Clare of Assisi Council 13630	Steven Levstik is a recipient of this award for his volunteerism as a youth coordinator with the Knights of Columbus St. Clare of Assisi Council 13630. Steven has passionately and consistently demonstrated his superb organizational skills in organizing the Youth Basketball Free Throw for the community. Since his teenage years, he has been generously dedicating his time in ensuring that the program continues to excel, providing an excellent turnout and positive and memorable experience for everyone involved, from parents to children. His efforts and quiet leadership have led to the revitalizing renewal of the Knights with youth and energy.
Connie	Lombardi	The Safehaven Project for Community Living (Safehaven)	Connie Lombardi is receiving this award for her volunteer work with The Safehaven Project for Community Living. Connie has served Safehaven for over 17 years. Her leadership and guidance have played a pivotal role in elevating the organization and assisting in its expansion and growth. In addition to her volunteer work with the board of directors and as past board chair, she also serves the community through her own foundation, Angels from Heaven Youth Foundation. Connie works tirelessly to improve the lives for children with disabilities and her foundation has raised over \$350,000 for Safehaven.
Olivia	Manuel	Philippine Heritage Band	Olivia Manuel is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with the Philippine Heritage Band since 2009 as a majorette, moving to instrumentalist in 2014 as a flute player. A dedicated and valued member of the band, Olivia offers her services to teach the majorettes when instructors are on leave and is always present during rehearsals, assisting the musical director with set up and music sheet preparation before practice. Olivia also marches and participates in parades in different cities throughout Ontario and the United States.
Aureliano	Maquilon	Mapleglen Seniors Club / Mapleglen Residences	Aureliano Maquilon is receiving this award for his volunteer work with Mapleglen Seniors Club/Mapleglen Residences community garden initiative. During the establishment of the City Hall Community Garden, Aureliano took on the responsibility of the daily care, cleaning and watering of six raised garden plots which were planted in 2017 and have been growing for the past two years. Upon his release each time from hospitalization, he attended back to the garden plots to care for them, ensuring their healthy growth. His efforts continue to be a fine example of seniors improving the quality of their lives and their communities.

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Norina	Marcucci	Creative Hands	Norina Marcucci is receiving this award for her volunteerism with Creative Hands. For several years, Norina has been an active volunteer with the organization. She has been instrumental, along with other organization members, in knitting and crocheting items benefitting various charities within the community. On Saturday mornings, Norina also teaches children the techniques of this craft. She is most noted among organization members for her hard work and dedication.
Josie	Martiniello	St. Gabriel Child Care Centres	Josie Martiniello is a recipient of this award for her volunteer work with St. Gabriel Child Care Centres. Currently in her second year of a two-year term, Josie holds the position of HR Chair and has been instrumental in guiding the centre and supporting management. Her compassion is evident in all she does, whether it be a quick conference call, or attendance at monthly board and executive meetings, when required. This past year, Josie led the team in revising policies, editing the personnel manual and revising salary bands, ensuring the organization remains competitive in the industry. Josie is known for her unending and invaluable assistance and graciousness in making the St. Gabriel Child Care Centres community a place of learning, sharing, laughter and growth.
Liberato	Masucci	Roccamandolfi Social Club	Liberato Masucci is receiving this award for his volunteerism for the past 25 years with the Roccamandolfi Social Club. Serving as a director and secretary of the organization, Liberato is a quiet individual who goes out of his way to assist with events and activities. He provides exceptional service, both administrative and guidance-wise to the club, supporting projects with dedication. He has a genuine love to assist youth and the elderly and has a passion for promoting both Italian and Canadian culture to both. Liberato enjoys taking photos and has dedicated his time to setting up the club's website. Extremely knowledgeable with a love of research, he never asks for anything in return and always works for the benefit of supporting other individuals and the community.
Mary	Mercuri-Mastrantoni	City of Vaughan	Mary Mercuri-Mastrantoni is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism within the City of Vaughan. A loving, dedicated and devoted volunteer, Mary is always happy to assist and has worked with St. Gabriel School assisting with school trips, socials and hot lunches. As well, she has volunteered with the Vaughan Academy of Music coordinating and organizing their Christmas concert; helped annually at the Haute Couture Annual Fashion Show; participated in International Way at the Vaughan SantaFest Parade; organized cultural activities at the Roccamandolfi Social Club and assisted with office work and community event volunteering during the past municipal election. Mary is indeed an outstanding volunteer and citizen.
Felice	Moriana	Vellore Village Seniors' Club	Felice Moriana is receiving this award for his volunteer work with the Vellore Village Seniors' Club. A very active member of the club's board of directors, he is comfortable voicing his opinion and leading his peers by initiating change in club processes. Felice has taken the lead with the introduction and continuation of Movie Nights this past year. Felice approaches challenges with a positive attitude and goes beyond his duties as club secretary to help make events and daily activities run smoothly for the members.

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Roy	Nicolucci	Million Dollar Smiles	Roy Nicolucci is a recipient of this award for his volunteerism with Million Dollar Smiles and has volunteered with the charity for over seven years. As a build leader, he assists in constructing playgrounds for children dealing with life threatening illnesses. Known for his “amazing passion and drive”, his dedication to the charity is incredible, as he can always be seen helping his team and teaching them how to build. He is always available when needed. During the Christmas season, Roy puts smiles on all the children’s faces as he dresses up like Santa bringing much joy and happiness to all whose lives he touches.
Mike	Nitchov	Woodbridge Macedonian Seniors’ Club	Mike Nitchov is a recipient of this award for his volunteer work with the Woodbridge Macedonian Seniors' Club. Mike has volunteered at the club for more than six years and has been responsible for the daily opening and closing of the club. His friendly and polite nature is complimented by his assistance at ensuring seniors are alleviated from experiencing loneliness and isolation.
Adam	Nudo	City of Vaughan	Adam Nudo is receiving this award for his volunteer work within the Vaughan community. Adam is a grade 12 student and is being recognized for his “outstanding hard work, inspirational life goals and community volunteer story”. During the past summer, Adam forewent summer paying jobs and vacations to volunteer with St. David’s Church, assisting with cleaning maintenance of the church and its grounds, often during the summer heat. He also assisted with set-up and take-down of events held in the parish hall. Adam shared with those he knew the importance of volunteering and how rewarding it is to give back to the community. He aspires in the future to give back globally and make a difference in the lives of many at home and abroad.
Susan	Paterino	Hospice Vaughan	Susan Paterino is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with Hospice Vaughan. A valued volunteer for over four years, Susan has contributed to the Day Program by providing delicious home-cooked meals to clients and caregivers, as well as serving on the board and various other committees. Susan exhibits a generous and kind spirit and is wholeheartedly dedicated to serving the community, selflessly offering her skills and time to support those in need.
Trevor	Pirri	York Regional Police	Trevor Pirri is a receiving this award for his volunteer work with the York Regional Police as an Auxiliary Sergeant in #4 District covering Vaughan. Trevor began his volunteering with the York Regional Police as a co-op student in September of 2009 at the Community Safety Village and contributed over 400 hours in that capacity. Subsequently, he also served as a special events volunteer contributing over 100 hours until 2012 when he joined the Auxiliaries. Trevor was promoted to the rank of Auxiliary Sergeant in 2018. He is a great Non-Commissioned Officer for #4 District having provided over 1,835 hours of service since 2012.
Shira	Rocklin	SpringFarm Ratepayers Association (SFRA)	Shira Rocklin is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with the SpringFarm Ratepayers Association. Shira has served as the association’s secretary for the past three years and is the driving force for its community newsletter. In addition, she also heads up the Earth Day program, Save Our Parks and is a member of the City’s heritage committee. Always up for a challenge, Shira exemplifies a great example of what defines a community volunteer.

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Melanie	Rosenblum	CHW (Canadian Hadassah-WIZO)	Melanie Rosenblum is receiving this award for her volunteerism as a mentorship coordinator with the Canadian Hadassah-Wizo (CHW). Melanie has been an active volunteer with CHW for 20 years and has held many senior volunteer positions including volunteer archive coordinator, Walk to Protect Children volunteer coordinator, mentorship coordinator, and annual campaign canvasser. In each of these positions, she has demonstrated a great deal of exceptional dedication, organizational expertise and a hard work ethic. In addition to her volunteer work at the Toronto Centre, Melanie is also active in the Hatikvah Chapter. Always available to assist on all projects, Melanie conducts herself with a sense of humour, dignity and charm.
Anna	Rotondi	Human Endeavour	Anna Rotondi is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with Human Endeavour. A responsible and dedicated volunteer since 2010, Anna is the pioneering and most active member of HOPE Community Gardens. She assists others with gardening advice, supplying and keeping the gardens clean and well-watered. She contributes to the organization's Annual BBQ and other community events, volunteering by cooking delicious meals and treats. Anna continues to make a difference in the community, bringing people together to contribute their time and energy in positive efforts.
Moui	Sananikone	First Chinese Senior Association of Vaughan (FCSAV)	Moui Sananikone is receiving this award for her volunteerism with the First Chinese Senior Association of Vaughan. Joining the association in 2011, Moui has been invaluable in conveying different cultures and customs to members, as she speaks Chinese, Cambodian and Thai. She volunteers in assisting seniors with transportation needs and driving them to medical appointments and is very eager in setting up and arranging the layout of the programs and events held by the association, regardless of physical challenges it may pose to herself. Moui's kindness and caring to others is greatly appreciated.
Rose	Savage	Vaughan Public Libraries	Rose Savage is a recipient of this award for her volunteer work with the Vaughan Public Libraries. Rose has been a trustee of the Vaughan Public Library Board since 2015, serving as vice chair of the Board. Well-respected by her colleagues for her knowledge and dedication, she is best known for her respectfulness of staff and other board trustees, ensuring recognition is given when deserved. Rose also actively participates in library events and activities, as well as contributing to working well with fellow trustees in setting the board's direction. Rose has recently been elected as Chair of Vaughan Public Library Board for the 2019-2022 term.
Armando	Scaini	Famee Furlane Toronto	Armando Scaini is receiving this award for his volunteer work with the Famee Furlane Toronto. Armando has been involved with the Friuli Campus, an entity of Famee Furlane Toronto, for most of his adult life. Having served as president of the organization from 1978 to 1985, he remained on as a director for a number of years until his election as president of Friuli Benevolent Corporation for an extended period of time. He demonstrated his unwavering commitment to the membership and facility, striving for the community's improvement and ensuring the organization's mandate was upheld. Today, he remains on the Friuli Benevolent Board as a director. Armando is a dedicated, diligent and committed individual who goes out of his way to ensure the Friuli Terrace Building is well maintained and upheld as a safe environment for the residents.

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Clara	Serruya	Friendship Circle	Clara Serruya is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with Friendship Circle. Clara served as a volunteer for a number of years with the organization. Weekly, she would visit, play, bond and provide friendship to a teenage boy with special needs, a friendship which he truly desired. Known for her “kind, warm, giving and loving” nature, Clara continues to be an outstanding volunteer with a promising future.
Vanessa	Sov	Khmer Buddhist Temple of Ontario	Vanessa Sov is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with the Khmer Buddhist Temple of Ontario. A talented Khmer traditional dancer, Vanessa has been an active volunteer for the past ten years. She is responsible for performing at all events in the Cambodian community and internationally, assists with fundraising and welcoming guests to the temple. Her friendly, humble personality and intelligent and determined focus are the tenets of her “heart of gold”. Vanessa has devoted many hours and efforts at the temple, inspiring other youth to become involved in volunteering.
Kristin	St-Jean	1st Woodbridge Scouts Canada	Kristin St-Jean is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with the 1st Woodbridge Scouts Canada. As an incredible Scouts Canada Beaver Leader in 1st Woodbridge, Kristin has volunteered for over three years enriching the lives of youth participants in many wonderful ways. A vital part of the Scouts, Kristin assists in planning camps, meetings and teaching youth the importance of teamwork, responsibility, patience and respect for another’s unique skills. The youths develop amazing skills and valuable insight about nature and the world around them and appreciate her generous gift of time and leadership. Kristen is a mother of five youths and the organization is grateful for her contributions.
Marilyn	Taitz	DANI - Developing and Nurturing Independence	Marilyn Taitz is receiving this award for her volunteer work with DANI, Developing and Nurturing Independence. A dedicated volunteer for the past six years, Marilyn single-handedly runs the gift shop. She has successfully recruited approximately a dozen volunteers to assist her throughout the year. Her hard work ethic, especially demonstrated during and before the Fall holiday drive, has culminated in the gift store raising over \$30,000 annually in support of DANI.
Krishan	Thapar	Thornhill Senior Citizens Club	Krishan Thapar is a recipient of this award for his volunteerism with the Thornhill Senior Citizens Club. Since 2012, Krishan has served on the organization’s board in the role of treasurer, as well as having served in this capacity at other clubs. Having studied for two years to obtain his M.A. and five years for his R.I.A. (accounting), following his retirement, he has been actively involved in senior citizen clubs as an accountant. Known for his honesty and dedication to his duties, Krishan always “sees the good side of people and encourages others to do the same”.

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Frances	Tibollo	Caritas Foundation	Frances Tibollo is receiving this award for her volunteer work with the Caritas School of Life and Caritas Foundation. Frances's dedication over the years from the age of 13 has led to her roles in fundraising, events, awareness-raising, gardening, and working on the therapeutic farm, with a dream to one day have the farm become self-sustaining. Affectionately known for her positive outlook on life, Frances's vision of removing the stigma around mental health and addiction challenges remains an inspiration to all. She uses her photo exhibition entitled "You've got a friend in me" – featuring portraits of individuals she has met in her travels around the world - as a platform to open dialogue on mental health and addiction issues, demonstrating "even in the faces of strangers who may not seem like you, or that you may not have anything in common with, there is a story, there is a friend we can't ignore."
Natasha	Todaro	Circle of Friends - Butterfly Kisses Memorial Release	Natasha Todaro is a recipient of this award for her volunteer work since 2015 with the annual Butterfly Kisses Memorial Release hosted by Circle of Friends. Natasha serves as a committee member for the organization and has been instrumental in her efforts in raising money for various charities such as Hospice Vaughan and Youth Speak. She serves as a role model for many volunteers, setting a level of excellence in giving to the community.
Loy	Torres	Brownridge Ratepayers Association	Loy Torres is receiving this award for his volunteerism with the Brownridge Ratepayers Association. His volunteer work with the association includes organizing social and recreational activities serving to keep the community informed and active. Loy has always promoted community togetherness in an effort to better understand one another. An active volunteer in Vaughan for over a decade, Loy has also served first as president of the Filipino Seniors' Club and most recently has been elected as chair of the Seniors Clubs of Vaughan.
Gladys	Vergis-Mayo	St. Padre Pio Church	Gladys Vergis-Mayo is receiving this award for her volunteer work in the role of coordinator at the St. Padre Pio Church. For the past several years, Gladys has assisted in organizing the Christmas Drive where over 27 registered families with the Family Services York Region (F.S.Y.R.) and 38 families from the Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR) benefited from her generosity and dedication. Additionally, she has also organized a coat drive, working closely with elementary schools, with a goal of supplying coats to families in need. Her volunteerism in this regard continues as she is currently spearheading a continuous drive for the entire year. Gladys has been a church member since 2002 and is affectionately known for her motivation and diligence in all she endeavours to accomplish.
Nuccia	Villanti	Maple Pioneer Italian Seniors Club	Nuccia Villanti is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with the Maple Pioneer Italian Seniors Club. Nuccia has served on the club's telephone committee for the past ten years. Her duties include informing members of upcoming events and following up with members who have not been to the club for an extended period of time to ensure they are well. Known for her baking expertise, she always supplies club members with her baked goods for their special trips or events. Nuccia is a "warm and friendly volunteer who is always wearing a smile".

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David	Watson	Woodbridge Village Farmers Market	David Watson is receiving this award for his volunteer work over the past ten years with the Woodbridge Village Farmers Market. Reliable and enthusiastic, David is first to arrive on market days, and together with his wife serves as chief volunteer for setting up tents, weights, tables and assisting farmers as needed. He also greets patrons upon arrival. David's volunteer work includes planning the market season and staying in touch with farmers and community groups. He is most noted among his colleagues as "pro-active and vital to the market's success".
Tzvia	Weig	Chabad Russian Center of Thornhill Woods	Tzvia Weig is a recipient of this award for her volunteerism with the Chabad Russian Center of Thornhill Woods. Tzvia has been volunteering with the organization for four years, and often, on her own initiative, she assists with the set-up and take down of events on a regular basis, from weekly luncheons to classes, lectures, women's events and large-scale holiday programs. Her volunteer efforts range from purchasing supplies, table-setting, and event food set-up, to assisting with welcoming guests and remaining throughout the event to oversee the craft activities for the children.
Scott	Wildman	Vaughan Vikings Baseball & Softball Association	Scott Wildman is receiving this award for his volunteer work at the Vaughan Vikings Baseball & Softball Association as vice president of softball. Scott has helped develop the game and has provided access to the sport to thousands of female participants across Vaughan. He has also helped develop clinics, house league, rep teams, select teams and training for all the girls at different locations all year round. From the youngest to the oldest, he has ensured that they have access to affordable and top tier training. An amazing volunteer, Scott has grown the teams from 216 female participants to 372. He is responsible for a myriad of rep teams and also co-coaches the U19 National Silver Medalist Team.
Russell	Mandel	Maccabi Canada	Russell Mandel is a recipient of this award for his volunteer work with Maccabi Canada as a Maccabi junior coach. Russell began volunteering with Maccabi in 2016 as a grade nine student and has continued even with a demanding academic schedule. His passion for basketball and working with youth shines when he is on the court coaching and guiding Maccabi's youth basketball players. Russell has had a positive influence on many of the youth and often shares his own experience as a basketball player - currently on his high school team, summer camp, and the many other activities which include DECA - to guide the organization's members. The Maccabi family is honored and appreciative of Russell's positive contributions to their programs.