

City of Vaughan Volunteer Recognition Awards  
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Adult/Youth	Title	Nominee's First Name	Nominee's Last Name	Organization	Reason for Nomination
Adult	Mr.	Luigi	Amato	Vaughan Soccer Club Inc.	Luigi is receiving this award for his work with the Vaughan Soccer Club. Luigi has been an active member of the Vaughan Soccer Club for the past 10 years as a board member and a coach of two teams. As tournament director of the club he has been instrumental in the organizing of the preliminary rounds for the Ontario Cup in the Maple area. Luigi has enhanced the lives of the youth by offering them the opportunity to play and and enjoy the sport of soccer at every level of competition. He has been an active participant at the Vaughan Soccer Fest end of year tournament which brings about 10,000 people together on a weekend to watch 180 teams play. Luigi has dedicated time and effort freely not only to Vaughan Soccer Club members, but also as coach to his son's two teams. He is role model for what a volunteer should do not only in words but in concrete actions.
Adult	Mr.	Tom	Arbanas	Earth Hour Committeee	Tom is receiving this award for his work with the Earth Hour Committee. As one of the founding members, he is essential to the team, contributing ideas and educating others with enthusiasm. He is always very supportive of others and assists in any way he can, often securing funds and prizing for events.
Adult	Mr.	Tim	Arnott	Kleinburg Bindertwine Festival	Tim is receiving this award for his work with the Kleinburg Bindertwine Festival. Tim has tirelessly given freely of himself to run the Bindertwine Festival for the past 20 years, acting as Chair for the last 10. His leadership has ensured that the heritage of the festival and the town of Kleinburg have been maintained and grown as a major tourist attraction for Vaughan. Tim is available round the clock to ensure the excellence of the festival.
Adult	Mrs.	Norma	Basciano	St. Peter School	Norma is receiving this award for her work with the St. Peter School Catholic School Council. As Chair of the School Council, she volunteers her time daily at the school coordinating activities and functions to enhance and enrich children's lives. Norma is the head of the fundraising committee and is always keeping parents informed. She works endless hours at home and at school to coordinate activates that pertain to the parent council. She is always positive and volunteers from the heart to make a difference in the school.
Youth	Mr.	Abhishek	Bhardwaj	Thornhill Senior Citizens Club	Abhishek is receiving this award for his work with the Thornhill Senior Citizens Club. He has been volunteering for the last 3 years, organizing kitchen duties and setting up the PA system for club functions. He shows great affection towards the seniors when assisting them which they greatly appreciate. He also acts as a role model by encouraging his peers to volunteer as well.

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<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Angela	Bortoluzzi	Seniors Association of Vaughan Initiative (SAVI)	Angela is receiving this award for her work with the Seniors Association of Vaughan Initiative (SAVI). Her dedication and hard work have helped SAVI a great deal. She is an exceptional individual who gives it all she's got. She takes on initiatives and provides many ideas. She is the heart and soul of SAVI, her dedication and knowledge have helped SAVI with all the events in which the seniors take part.
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Raffaela	Bozzato	Shining Through Centre for Autism	Raffaela is receiving this award for her work with the Shining Through Centre for Autism. She has given her time and effort to organizing campaigns that raise both money and awareness for the organization, often calling upon her own personal resources to assist. Over the course of three years, her efforts have helped the organization raise \$100,000, funds which have been put towards therapy services for children with autism. Raffaela exemplifies passion and commitment to her community and those in need
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Paula	Campbell	Eamon Park Housing Cooperative Inc.	Paula is receiving this award for her work with Eamon Park Housing Cooperative Inc. Paula has served on the Board of Directors as President and is the chair of the social committee, organizing activities that promote friendliness, community and cooperation. She volunteers well beyond the mandated 4 hours per month and continues to come up with ideas for social gatherings.
<b>Adult</b>		Constable Johnny	Campuzano	Fuerza Latina Community Services	Constable Johnny is receiving this award for his work with Fuerza Latina Community Services. He has generously taken time out of his busy schedule to join the Board of Directors for over 4 years. As a board member, he has been instrumental in the development of Fuerza Latina. His contribution to the organization has been extraordinary. He goes above and beyond with his time and effort in all of the organization's events. He is supportive and always has a smile while working very hard to meet the organization's goals. Constable Johnny is truly a role model for the youth and exemplifies the spirit of community service in everything he does.
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Risa	Caplan	City of Vaughan, Emergency Planning Program	Risa is receiving this award for her work with the City of Vaughan Emergency Planning Program. Risa is a highly dependable volunteer who has assisted with public education initiatives over the past 10 years in promoting emergency preparedness. Risa's assistance has allowed the program to participate in more events. She has stood in the rain, cold & heat to promote the preparedness message and has been available to help with only a few hours notice. Her positive attitude and enthusiasm help promote the program's preparedness message.

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<b>Youth</b>	Mr.	Alex	Casamassima	Immaculate Conception Parish	Alex is receiving this award for his work with Immaculate Conception Parish. Alex has been the youth group coordinator since 2005 and as such provides vision and coordination for the parish's efforts in the youth ministry. He has been committed to several initiatives including the Knights of Columbus food drive and the parish clothing drive. He sets an example for his peers and guides others in bettering themselves.
<b>Youth</b>	Ms.	Emily	Cava	Blue Veil Ministry/ Sara Elizabeth Centre	Emily is receiving this award for her work with the Blueveil Ministry/Sara Elizabeth Centre. For the past 2 years she has continually given of herself to the special needs youth who attend the seasonal camps and weekend socials. She encourages the hidden talents of the youth, creating opportunities for them to discover and express themselves through the arts. She works very closely with the youth in the programs, exemplifying the virtues of compassion and humility. She has been faithfully assisting with the organization since she was first introduced to it and has become a role model for the youth.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Keshu	Chaudhari	Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women	Keshu is receiving this award for his work with Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women. Keshu has been involved with EHCW since 2005, giving his time to outreach and referring newcomers living in Vaughan to EHCW. He has been involved in planning and organizing community events, encouraging youth to volunteer and helping in the critical delivery of food and clothing. With over 1500 hours of service, he is looked upon as a community leader.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Esti	Cohen	Zareinu Educational Centre	Esti is receiving this award for her work with Zareinu Educational Centre. Esti has been a dedicated volunteer to Zareinu for many years. In 2011 Esti was the chair of the Zareinu fashion show and has committed to the same role for 2012 to coordinate and fundraise for the organization. Through her fundraising efforts Zareinu has been able to pay for more therapy, get more equipment and subsidize children with severe physical and developmental challenges. Esti is always an advocate for children with disabilities and despite her busy family life, she is constantly doing charity work. She truly understands the meaning of giving back and being part of the community.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Fred	Cook	Maple Lions Club	Fred is receiving this award for his work with the Maple Lions Club. Fred has put countless hours into planning, organizing, set up and execution of many of the club's events and activities. He has been an officer of the club and held many positions throughout the years. Fred is detail oriented and ensures that things get done and are not over looked. He has fundraised to give back to schools, food banks, and many individuals in need from our local community. His hard work and tireless efforts have been amazing in both the local and global community through Lions Club International.

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<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Carla	Curiale	West Woodbridge Seniors Club	Carla is receiving this award for her work with the West Woodbridge Senior Club. She has been a volunteer with the WWSC for the past 8 years, where she assists with all major events and twice a week runs Bingo for the seniors. She plays a key role on the executive committee and facilitates numerous events alongside her peers. She always acts as a positive role model for the members, leading by example, and is always willing to go the extra mile.
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Bernadette	Dabu-Sta Maria	The Filipino Health & Education Foundation (Canada)	Bernadette is receiving this award for her work with the The Filipino Health & Education Foundation. As the founder and first president of FHEF, she looked after all the preparation of documentation for submission and approval to the Governement of Canada. She generously assisted with all of the fundraisers to raise money for the medical and educational needs of FHEF scholars in both Canada and the Philippines. Once a year the organziation sends door-to-door boxes to the Philippines containing used toys, clothing and non-perishable food items to poor scholars and their families. Bernadette's huge double car garage acts as storage for these items until their delivery in July.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Carol	Donadio	Vaughan Cares	Carol is receiving this award for her work with Vaughan Cares. She generously donates her time to attending regular meetings and assisting with fundraisers. Carol is an ambassador for Vaughan Cares, spreading the word about the organization within the community. She loves helping others and does so willingly acting as a role model for others.
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Sabrina	Dussin	St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy	Sabrina is receiving this award for her work with St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy. Sabrina has been an active volunteer at St. Gregory for 8 years. She has volunteered with reading buddies, bookfair fundraising initiatives, hot lunch and spirit events. Sabrina voluntarily offers her assistance any program or initiative at the school. Sabrina has chaired two Standing Committees at St. Gregory and has been instrumental in helping the Catholic School Council achieve its fundraising goals. Sabrina chaired the hot lunch program for 2 years, a program that has raised thousands of dollars for school initiatives. Sabrina is a true community role model. Her intentions are honest, selfless and she always puts the needs of all St. Gregory students first.
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Sonia	Facchini	The Circle of Friends	Sonia is receiving this award for her work with The Circle of Friends. Sonia began the Butterfly Release Event, and has run 5 of these events which have raised considerable funds for the hospital and Hospice Vaughan. She dedicates her personal time to doing all of the necessary leg work for the event to ensure its success. Her selflessness has raised funds that help families in the community considerably.

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<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Bron	Fegan	Hospice Vaughan	Bron is receiving this award for her work with Hospice Vaughan. Bron has been an integral part of the day program and in home training. She provides complimentary therapy and translating services. Bron's generous commitment allows Hospice Vaughan to provide in home and in office therapy to support families coping with life threatening illness and loss. She sets an example with her selfless, compassionate commitment to people in need. Hospice Vaughan is extremely grateful to have Bron as a outstanding volunteer.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Rosa	Gallardo	Maple Pioneer Italian Seniors Club	Rosa is receiving this award for her work with Maple Pioneer Italian Seniors Club. As the vice-president of the club Rosa is responsible for all member trips and purchases. She is a tireless worker and great organizer who makes the members happy. She supports all of the organizations' endeavours, joining with other community groups to help raise funds for the needy.
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Shirley	Gocool	Human Endeavour	Shirely is receiving this award for her work with Human Endeavours. She has been volunteering for the last two years and has contributed to the organization's wellness programs by helping to establish a seniors club that provides social and recreational activities to improve their well-being. She has introduced many new volunteers to Human Endeavour and has helped make the office a community hub. Along with her many responsibilities at home, she always finds time to volunteer with the organization and at different community events. She makes a difference in the community by bringing people together to contribute their time and energy in positive efforts within the community. She is a role model and exemplifies the spirit of community service.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr	Leonardo	Graciano	Vaughan Youth Athletic Association	Leonardo is receiving this award for his with with the Vaughan Youth Athletic Association. Leonardo has been the assistant coach for the past 5 years always staying on top of the paperwork that needs to be completed and ensuring the children attend practice. He often picks up children to take them to games and ensures that each of them is properly fed as well. He is a dedicated volunteer who does a wonderful job.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Rosa	Grande	Pine York Seniors Club	Rosa is receiving this award for her work with Pine York Seniors Club. Rosa is a very special individual who gives her time so generously for the sake of each senior at the club. She handles all her assignments with expertise and efficiency and can always be counted on. She is a very dedicated person who loves to help all the time. She takes care of every senior at the club with much affection and respect.

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<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Lurline	Hoo	ETA Vaughan Women's Shelter	Lurline is receiving this award for her work with ETA Vaughan Women's Shelter. She has supported the Shelter since the very beginning. She has given her time and skill to helping ETA Vaughan reach out to the community. She has helped to raise awareness about Violence Against Women and Children, and the services offered by ETA Vaughan, through direct mailings and contact with potential donors and sponsors. She has also dedicated a significant amount of time to organizing ETA Vaughan's annual galas and ensure their success. She has also given her time providing much needed administrative support with respect to the operations of the Shelter and Outreach Centre. Lurline's support has allowed ETA Vaughan to effectively provide services to its clients. Her empathy, compassion and generosity have enabled ETA Vaughan to empower women and children and provide them a safe haven from violence. She has made herself available to the ETA, regardless of time or task.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Angela	Izquierdo	Woodbridge Bowl Juniors	Angela is receiving this award for her work with Woodbridge Bowl Juniors. Angela's dedication as Treasurer has been phenomenal and she has given many hours to all the children who bowl every Saturday. In addition to that she has organized all the tournaments, holiday festivities and year end banquets. She works hard to ensure the success of each of the events and the happiness of the bowlers and other volunteers.
<b>Adult</b>	Dr.	Steven	Kazman	Reena Foundation	Steven is receiving this award for his work with the Reena Foundation. Steven has chaired the annual theater night for Reena for the last 3 years, continually giving his time, energy and talent to the organization. Through his efforts over the past 3 years, \$100,000 has been raised for Reena's children's programs. He has assisted in bringing in hundreds of new supporters to help with Reena's long term viability. He leads by example, he gives of himself selflessly and asks for nothing.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Steve	Keehwa Lee	Korean-Canadian Alliance	Steve is receiving this award for his work with the Korean-Canadian Alliance. Steve has served as a member Board since 2010. He has been actively involved in helping to achieve the organization's mandate. He is being recognized for the contribution of his time, effort and dedication to the improvement of policy.
<b>Youth</b>	Ms.	Soo Yeon	Kim	Korean Community Centre for Multiculturalism (KCCM)	Soo Yeon is receiving this award for her work with the Korean Community Centre for Multiculturalism. She has served as a volunteer since 2009 and she has been actively involved in striving to achieve the organization's mandate. She dedicates her time and effort towards the improvement of the KCCM and its recognition in the City Vaughan and York Region.

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<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Doreen	Kirwan	Thornhill African Caribbean Canadian Association	Doreen is receiving this award for her work with the Thornhill African Caribbean Canadian Association. Doreen has been a longstanding member since its inception 6 years ago. She has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically as a volunteer on the social committee and most recently as the Secretary for both the general membership meetings and executive board meetings. She continually supports the activities of TACCA and is a great community builder.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Seyma	Kong	Khmer Buddhist Temple of Ontario	Seyma is receiving this award for his work with Khmer Buddhist Temple of Ontario. Seyma always puts his busy schedule aside and is willing to help the temple especially on Saturdays. Seyma is a young leader and leads the youth group in helping the temple with events such as traditional dancing and singing. He is also very creative in putting together traditional shows as entertainment. Seyma cares about public heritage, and preserving culture and is a role model, influencing others to care about the temple.
<b>Youth</b>	Mr.	Jack	Lauterpacht	Sunday Night Hockey League	Jack is receiving this award for his work with the Sunday Night Hockey League. For 18 years Jack has volunteered to coach and teach youth to play hockey, and instill in them, a love of the game. Though his children have grown up and no longer play in the league, he continues to give his time to the organization. Youth continue to look up to Jack and are inspired by him both on and off the ice. He spends much of his personal time ensuring the well-being of the players.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Pam	Leudke	The Olive Branch for Children	Pam is receiving this award for her work with The Olive Branch for Children. Spearheading the TOBFC's Montessori Outreach Program, she has trained teachers, helped establish children in remote Tanzania and mobilized Vaughan residents to see the value in global initiatives. Thanks to her, the Montessori program has become one of the cornerstone projects of TOBFC, receiving recognition by the City of Vaughan as well as The Toronto Funding Network. She has travelled to Tanzania to host onsite training four times since 2007 and will be returning this year. In addition, she has created a training manual in English and Swahili as well as acting as a spokesperson for the organization and mobilizing many. She is a dedicated teacher who is committed to her students, striving for a just and equitable global community and inspires all who cross her path.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Aldo	Lippa	Glen Shields Futbol Club	Aldo is receiving this award for his work with Glen Shields Futbol Club. Aldo has been a coach for over 30 years and has found time in the last 10 years to serve on the Board of Directors. He volunteers countless hours to the organization, being the first to attend a City meeting and the last to clean up after a board meeting. Aldo's guidance has kept children's programs organized and he has made a significant contribution in all areas of the club. He is considered the face and voice of Glen Shields. He is someone who puts the community first and himself second.

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<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Giuseppe	Maglio	Garibaldi Seniors Club	Giuseppe is receiving this award for his work with the Garibaldi Seniors Club. Giuseppe is very active in his role as Treasurer for the Garibaldi Seniors Club and in many other activities, always of service to everyone.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Dimitri	Malkov	The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT)	Dimitri is receiving this award for his work with The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill. Dimitri has been assisting SPOHT for the past 8 years by donating hardware to assist with running the website as well as updating content, and assisting with the evolution of the site. He has also been an active participant in the Thornhill Village Festival. He is a committee member and provides valuable feedback as well as assisting in operations with pre-festival set up and post festival take-down. Dimitri is a role model who provides a positive and encouraging environment for volunteers. His dedication, enthusiasm and positive attitude has allowed not only the organization, but others to benefit from his expertise as well.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Nila	Masucci	Overall participation in the community	Nila is receiving this award for the time she dedicates to several organizations within the community. She actively volunteers for the Woodbridge Soccer Club, is involved in fundraising for St. Camillus Angels' Village Foundation and fundraising for individuals in need of surgery. She has participated in and promoted Miss Teen Vaughan events. She brings passion and hard work to all the projects that she takes on and is a role model in the community.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Peter	Maynard	The Woodbridge Agricultural Society	Peter is receiving this award for his work with The Woodbridge Agricultural Society. Peter has been a member for many years, serving as president from 2009-2011 and currently sits on the board. He is also a member of several fair committees. Peter works with other members to create "the farm" area at the fair. The farm is an area where children can get a "hands on" farm experience and it has become a popular attraction for visitors to the fair. When Peter has free time you can usually find him at the fairgrounds. He works tirelessly to maintain buildings and to ensure that the grounds will be enjoyed for many years to come. Peter never expects to be recognized for the work he does. He is always available to help, no matter what the task is and he is always encouraging others to get involved.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Jamie	Maynard	Woodbridge Rotary Ribfest	Jamie is receiving this award for his work with the Woodbridge Rotary Ribfest. As a founding member and main coordinator of the event, he is a significant contributor. He ensures that all aspects of Ribfest are covered from securing volunteers to manning the garbage bins during peak times. There is no job too big, too small or too messy for Jamie who assists whenever required, and is often seen cleaning the grounds long after the gates have closed.



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<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Josie	McCran	Woodbridge Village Farmers Market	Josie is receiving this award for her work with the Woodbridge Village Framers Market. Josie has been very active in organizing special event days and was involved in recruiting vendors. She has been essential in helping to promote the Farmers Market through special events. Josie has volunteered her time and is happy to fill any role. She is always offering her service and continually advertises for the market.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Michael	McKenzie	Vaughan Public Libraries	Michael is receiving this award for his work with Vaughan Public Libraries. For the past 6 1/2 years Michael has been a dedicated member of the Vaughan Public Library Board, holding positions of Vice Chair, Budget & Finance Committee Chair, and currently as Chairman of the Board. He has willingly spent his personal time with no remuneration attending Board-related workshops and conferences to ensure that he continues to be knowledgeable about libraries. Michael is always prepared and can confidently bring forward issues for discussion. He actively participates in strategic planning sessions with staff as well as public library events. In 2011 he worked with staff & members of the community to present to council a proposal to build a new library in an under-served area. Michael is strongly committed to the Vaughan Public Library Board and its mandate to provide the citizens of Vaughan with the library services they require. He willingly contributes his time, ideas, and suggestions towards improving the services offered. Michael even agreed to be Prince Charming on VPL's float in the 2011 Santafest Parade.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Pedro	Menjivar	York Central Hospital	Pedro is receiving this award for his work with York Central Hospital. Even though he runs his own business, he always Pedro attends to his weekly shift at the information desk. His donation of time allows the hospital to offer a compassionate patient experience. In addition to his hospital shifts, he has assisted with cultural events at the hospital such as the International Food Festival and the Santa Claus Parade. Pedro is a team leader and supervises students that volunteer as escorts at the hospital.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Rudy	Mojica	Philippine Heritage Band	Rudy is receiving this award for his work with the Philippine Heritage Band. He joined the Band in 2002 and since then has been very committed in helping with all activities and performances. Rudy was instrumental in developing a system for the bands for the distribution and inventory of the band's uniform and equipment. Rudy is a very valued member of the band.
<b>Youth</b>	Ms.	Sivan	Nitzan	Youth Assisting Youth	Sivan is receiving this award for her work with Youth Assisting Youth. Since July 2009 Sivan has been a volunteer mentor. She has provided positive leadership and guidance to her mentee and contributed to her improved self-esteem and academic improvement. Sivan has provided support to her mentee and her family during extreme situations. She gives her time and energy freely in the pursuit of making a difference in the quality of a young girls life. She exemplifies community service.

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<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Linda	Orriell	Gallanough Resource Centre	Linda is receiving this award for her work with Gallanough Resource Centre. Her involvement began years before the Gallanough reopened. As one of the core group of stakeholders she worked tirelessly with City officials, staff and neighbours to develop a new vision for the much loved neighbourhood library. Linda is the founding Director and Officer of the Gallanough Resource Centre. She has been a Director and held the office of Corporate Secretary from the date of incorporation. Linda's legal expertise has been invaluable in ensuring that the Gallanough adheres to proper legal and procedural practices as a not for profit corporation and charity. She is involved with all levels of staffing, the recruiting, direction and recognition of volunteers, and numerous special events.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Gloria	Pasildo	Filipino- Canadian Association of Vaughan	Gloria is receiving this award for her work with the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan. She gives her time and energy by volunteering to fundraisers, social events, and many activities. She promotes community spirit among Filipinos and participates in activities and events that promote closeness and interaction among members. She organizes fundraisers like family day, and Casino Rama day and invites members and non members to join. She also picks up guests who do not have a ride. Gloria is a role model and provides tremendous support to FCAV.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Jack	Peacock	Woodbridge Garden & Horticultural Society	Jack is receiving this award for his work with the Woodbridge Garden and Horticultural Society. He is vital to the organization, acting as Treasurer on the executive committee. He is also responsible for organizing the flower show. He is always ready and willing to support any function and any improvement to the community.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Rosemary	Perricciolo	San Marco Catholic Elementary School	Rosemary is receiving this award for her work with the San Marco Catholic Elementary School Council. She has led the council in a pro-active manner, assisting with the organization of fundraisers and other school activities. Rosemary always puts the childrens' safety first ensuring that monies raised are spent on enhancing safety equipment as well as supporting technological changes and promoting physical activity. She is a role model and a leader with skills that motivate others to help the school and community.

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<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Emanuela	Polin- De Luca	St. Gabriel the Archangel, Catholic School Council	Emanuela is receiving this award for her work with St. Gabriel the Archangel, Catholic School Council. She is the Vice-Chair of the CSC and her efforts in this role and in fundraising have greatly benefitted the school. She always makes time and is usually the first to volunteer and help in any way needed. Emanuela has a very positive impact on improving the school experience of the students. Her knowledge, community contacts, co-operation and genuine caring attitude have been very much appreciated. Her efforts in fundraising have been tireless. She always finds the time to go that extra mile. Emanuela is a busy working mom, her job as a high school teacher is very demanding but she always makes time to organize and lend support to any school initiatives.
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Nancy	Postiglione	Vitanova Foundation	Nancy is receiving this award for her work with the Vitanova Foundation. Nancy is an exceptional member of the organizing committee for their annual fundraiser. This event was the most successful event in the history of the organization. She also is a volunteer and mentor chef, Nancy helps prepare luncheons for various functions. She is a role model and exemplifies the spirit of community service.
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Tanya	Renna	St. Stephen Catholic School	Tanya is receiving this award for her work with St. Stephen Catholic Elementary School. She has given her time and energy in volunteering for several initiatives including the reading buddies jr. division, and library book fairs. She attends school council events such as the year end barbeque, and helps decorate for school concerts and festivals. Tanya always puts the needs of the school before her own. She is always willing to lend a helping hand at any moment. Tanya is always very kind and considerate to fellow volunteers, school staff, as well as the students.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Cathy	Romano	Enviroment Club at St. Margaret Mary School	Cathy is receiving this award for her work with the Environment Club at St. Margaret Mary School. She is an Italian teacher who voluntarily manages and plans the Earth Hour event for the school. She assists the children in making videos and involves the entire school in participating in environmental projects. She has created a teaching garden at the school and has encouraged 95% of the student population to no longer use disposable water bottles. She is very eager to help her students and finds creative way to engage them in Earth Hour events. She practices what she preaches and is dedicated to educating children about caring for the planet.

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<b>Youth</b>	Mr	Daniel	Salvatore	Vaughan Yeoman Rugby Club	Daniel is receiving this award for his work with the Vaughan Yeoman Rugby Club. Daniel is not only a member of the club, but also a vital asset. He has continually volunteering his time to assist with obtaining CSO status for the organization and developing a partnership with the City of Vaughan to establish a permanent home for the Vaughan Yeoman Rugby Club. He dedicates his personal time to not only playing but coaching and working with the members of the club.
<b>Adult</b>	Mrs.	Rose	Savage	Sheena's Place	Rose is receiving this award for her work with Sheena's Place. She gives her time and energy to the organization as a member of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Breakfast Awareness Event Committee, co-chair of the Michael Jackson Cirque event committee, strategic planning committee member and as an ad hoc IT project leader. Under her leadership a total of \$282,000 was raised through these initiatives giving almost 400 clients access to services at Sheena's Place. She has also worked tirelessly at obtaining in-kind donations for the organization freeing up dollars to be used for client support services. Rose always steps forward to help, either as a leader or on a committee, she works very hard behind the scenes or at the forefront to ensure the goal is achieved. Her energy, passion and dedication encourage others to give even more, and it is volunteers like Rose, who allow the organization to carry out its mandate.
<b>Youth</b>	Mr.	Darnel	Semple	Million Dollar Smile	Darnel is receiving this award for his work with Million Dollar Smiles. Darnel is one of the Million Dollar Smiles children that has been dealing with severe Aplastic Anaemia. He has volunteered and helped for every event this year by building playgrounds and delivering bears. He is truly a giver and believes that once you receive something (like his bear at Christmas) it should be paid forward. Regardless of any circumstances he makes the best out of everything and will never miss an event. Darnel is a role model and an inspiring volunteer to many teens in today's society despite his condition.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Shu Gil	Shin	Just the Little Lights Relief Organization	Shu Gil is receiving this award for his work with the Just the Little Lights Relief Organization. He has served as a volunteer since 2006 and has been actively involved in striving to achieve the organization's mandate. He dedicates his time and effort towards the improvement of the organization and its recognition in the City Vaughan and York Region
<b>Youth</b>	Ms.	Yael	Shneiderman	Friendship Circle	Yael is receiving this award for her work with Friendship Circle. As a volunteer she mentors and shadows 2 children with special needs each week and does so in a sensitive and caring manner. She is eager and always willing to volunteer her time to The Friendship Circle's many programs.

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<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Mitchel	Shore	Aish Toronto	Mitchel is receiving this award for his work with Aish Toronto. Mitchel has dedicated his time for the past 10 years in organizing a youth hockey program for the community. The mandate includes programming that creates a connection to the Jewish values and communal life- this program brings Jewish youth together via playing hockey. Mitchel dedicates time, concern, and care for the program and puts himself out to coach and encourages the youth to not only be better hockey players but, better people. His joy is motivating people, particularly youth.
<b>Adult</b>	Mr.	Peter	Ssemambo	Reena	Peter is receiving this award for his work with Reena. Peter has been a "Homebuddy" volunteer with Reena since April 2009. Each week Peter spends several hours visiting adults with developmental disabilities who live in a Reena group home. He spends quality social time with them, being a supportive friend, sharing conversations and activities, at times accompanying them on outings and often lending a hand around the home at meal times. Peter's visit is one of the highlights of the week of the individuals supported by Reena, and his visits enhance their lives. He is a caring person, who goes to great lengths to develop warm and meaningful relationships with the individuals he supports. He never hesitates to volunteer his time over and above his weekly commitment and is the first to offer to help out at special events. The key to Reena's success rests with people like Peter, who embody the spirit of kindness and compassion. Not only does he volunteer with Reena, but also with other agencies and does extensive work with at risk youth. He sets a fine example of what it means to give of one's self to those less fortunate and contribute to th
<b>Youth</b>	Ms.	Adriana	Tari	Youth Bocce Canada	Adriana is receiving this award for her work with Youth Bocce Canada. She is always helping the organization with a smile as she assists the participants of the youth bocce program. She is always in attendance at the fundraisers and even delivered a support speech at the 2011 Bocce Banquet.
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Eufemia	Torresan	Villa Colombo Vaughan	Eufemia is receiving this award for her work with Villa Colombo Vaughan. Eufemia volunteers 2-3 times per week and assists residents in the baking and cooking programs. She assists with the bake sales and facilitates a mending group for resident clothing. She organizes traditional and cultural ctivities at the home and friendly visits with the residents. Eufemia also promotes awareness and community inclusion. She gives from the bottom of her heart and impacts other volunteers. She truly enjoys helping people.
<b>Adult</b>	Ms.	Michelle	Tricarico	Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Council	Michelle is receiving this award for her work with the Our Lady of Peace Catholic School Council. She has been an active volunteer in the school community for the past 4 years and a member of the school council for the past 3. This year Michelle has taken on the roles of fundraising chair and hot-lunch co-chair, two committees which are an integral part of the council. Her positive attitude and wonderful spirit have made her an asset to the OLP council.

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Adult	Mrs.	Mari	Vosburg	Santafest in Maple	Mari is receiving this award for her work with Santafest in Maple. Since joining Santafest in Maple (SFM) and taking on the role of Chair, Mari has put hundreds of hours year round to working on the parade. Her enthusiasm at every meeting, presentation, briefing and on parade day has elevated the spirits of committee members and participants alike. With a small group of members organzining this event, Mari has taken on many responsibilities and always carries out those responsibilities with a smile.
Adult	Mr.	Mark	Weinberg	Thornhill Couples Club	Mark is receiving this award for his work with Thornhill Couples Bowling. Mark has been an integral part of the group. Although requests are put out for help he is the first to respond . He has always been involved with the planning and executive aspect of the group. Mark has helped with the success and continuation of our group which has existed as part of B'nai Brith for over 20 years. Despite some challanges that have occured Mark continues to lead by example and do what is right.