

Volunteer Recognition Awards ~ 2024 RECIPIENTS ~



Carla Sherman | Rothesay Elementary School / Youth Sports Coach

Carla volunteers at Rothesay Elementary School helping with school events. She is the president of the Rothesay Elementary Home and School Committee, the equipment director for the Kennebecasis Minor Basketball Association, and the coach of many if not all of her children's sports teams. All these roles require many hours of volunteering and resources to ensure successful events and sport seasons. Carla is an extraordinary volunteer not only because she gives a lot of her time to the community, but also because she does so in such a way that others are inspired to work alongside her.

Carla's nominators say "She brings a cheerful, kind, matter-of-fact attitude to the work that makes it easier for everyone to get things done. The school and community are better because of Carla. She is tireless, fearless and committed and her enthusiasm is infectious. It makes you want to do more, support more, be more."



Diane O'Connor | Rothesay Age-Friendly Advisory Committee

Diane is currently the chairperson for the Rothesay Age Friendly Advisory Committee and has been instrumental in the development of the Rothesay Hive. She is also involved in many senior initiatives in the province, providing a wealth of knowledge to Rothesay.

Diane is a kind, hardworking individual who constantly puts the needs of others first. Diane's nominators tells us she is kind, hardworking and constantly puts the needs of others first. Her energy is remarkable and her hard work for the betterment of her fellow citizens and for the town of Rothesay are legendary.



Cheryl Throop | Harry Miller Middle School

Cheryl is a volunteer at Harry Miller Middle School where she organizes sports teams, coaches, schedules, and tournaments. Cheryl works with families who struggle to afford the costs associated with being on a sports team and works hard to ensure that everyone who wants to is able to participate.

Cheryl's nominator says "Cheryl is a true advocate for sports, wellness and involvement in this community. She is an excellent role model and cares about the community within which she works. She works diligently each day to make sports accessible to our students in the Rothesay area."



Brent Donovan | KV Karate Martial Arts Centre

Brent is a volunteer at the KV Karate Martial Arts Centre and has almost 20 years' experience in Karate, and a 3rd degree Black Belt. Brent puts in well over 20 hours per week teaching, facilitating, coordinating, and managing the club.

Brent's nominator says "Brent's dedication to the sport and the club is what has kept them afloat through the covid years and up to today. Without Brent, KV Karate Martial Arts Centre would not be as successful as it is. He steps up and takes on additional roles and responsibilities all the time. He is the first one at the dojo to open and set up and the last one to leave each day."

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Jamie Bennett | Rothesay High School

Over the past several years, Jamie has volunteered much of his time for community sports. Most recently he has coached the Rothesay High School girls' hockey team, even leading them to the championships. Jamie loves working with youth and has also volunteered for the Kings Church youth camps. Jamie has been a role model for small kids, showing them how teamwork brings growth and positive social impact.

Jamie's nominator says "You can always call on Jamie for help, he will bend backwards to assist and help anyone in his community."



Lynne Dunn | Rothesay HIVE

Lynne has provided voluntary instruction in the game of Bridge to numerous students of various ages. Many have developed Bridge Clubs of their own while others enjoy returning to the Hive to play. The community is richer in social togetherness because of her significant volunteer effort. Lynne's instruction has provided the opportunity for many residents to participate in on-going intellectual and social interaction, which is so essential for our health and well-being.

Lynne's nominators say "Lynne is an expert in the field of Bridge playing and teaching. Her manner is supportive, patient and just what a student of any age would hope for in an instructor. She is kind, encouraging and you leave each session eager to return."



Nicole Erving | Rothesay High School

Nicole is a teacher at Rothesay High School who goes above and beyond the requirements of a contract teacher. She has dedicated numerous hours to the athletics of RHS as well as many hours to EXTRA-curricular events and groups, such as student council. Nicole wants to see this community succeed and offers so much of her personal time to make that happen.

Nicole's nominator says "Without athletics and extra curriculums within a school, the spirit of the school community and, in turn, the Rothesay community would not be strong. Without volunteers like Nicole, these events and extra-curriculums would diminish but she is unwilling to let that happen."



Pam Mills | Rothesay Elementary School

Pam volunteers at the library at Rothesay Elementary School. Pam is always smiling and happy to help with whatever is needed. The students and staff love her because she is so positive, helpful, caring, and never asks for anything in return.

Pam's nominator says "I bet when anyone meets Pam, they smile. She just knows how to put a smile on your face. She is so kind to all the staff and students at RES. A shining light in our school, and she does it for free. She likes to be here and be a part of our team."

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Nick Lignos | Rothesay High School

Nick has been a volunteer coach at Rothesay High School for the past three years. During that time, he has been the head coach of the football team, assistant coach of the senior boys' hockey team, and head coach of the boys' rugby team. Nick has been a positive role model for the student-athletes at RHS.

Nick's nominator says that "he is one of the most respected coaches that they have had the pleasure to work with during their 12 years at RHS. The players, staff and parents all hold him in high regard. He spends as much time building character amongst his players as he does coaching them."



Susan Cozier | Harry Miller Middle School Diamonds Cheer Team

Susan has been volunteering as a coach for the Harry Miller Middle School Diamonds Cheer Team for the past 14 years.

Sue spends an incalculable amount of time creating routines, coordinating logistics, and organizing fundraisers to ensure the costs of the program stay as low as possible so that it remains accessible for all participants.

Susan's nominators said she is dedicated, compassionate and naturally gives off an aura of kindness and warmth that each of the athletes is drawn to.



Roslyn Harrush | Kennebecasis Public Library

Roslyn selflessly gives several hours a week volunteering at the Kennebecasis Public Library. Roslyn was recently awarded the position of Artist in Residence and will fulfil her duty by volunteering during the summer months at the Jewish Museum in Saint John. Roslyn is a great example of how to improve the daily workings of her newly chosen hometown.

Roslyn's nominator says "Roslyn is a kind and generous person. She lives to share her knowledge of books and she is also very happy to spread happiness and goodness through her Artwork and knowledge of Jewish history."



Larry Greer | Kings Way Care Centre

Larry has been an active volunteer for Kings Way Care Centre for over eight years.

Larry has driven the bus for the seniors for several years and has taken residents on many drives and outings.

Larry's nominator says, "Larry is reliable, honest, caring, friendly, and a loyal volunteer. Always helping whenever possible."

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Terry & Susan Sleep | KV Food Basket

Susan and Terry have volunteered for KV Food Basket for over 20 years. Susan organizes a team of volunteers to work and helps to pack groceries for clients. Terry manages volunteers packaging and distributing the groceries to the clients. They positively affect the residents of Rothesay by helping to provide food for those who need it, even making their own soup!

Their nominator says "They are both very organized and dependable. Their dedication to helping those in the community goes without saying as they are always available to help when needed. When the Food Basket closes for Christmas break, they are the first to put their hand up to get a grocery order ready and out to a client if they call with a need."



Yolanda Kippers | Kennebecasis Public Library

Yolanda has volunteered at the Kennebecasis Public Library for the past 15 years and has given over 600 hours of service. Her knitting group has helped people of all ages (10 to 90 years old!) with their knitting projects. Yolanda has also been an active member of the Book Clubs. Most recently, she stepped up her Library program leadership role with a very popular program on the Solar Eclipse, which she presented as an outreach program on behalf of the Saint John Astronomy Club.

Yolanda's nominator says "Yolanda has touched many of the residents of our community. Her energy and willingness to share her unique talents has been a huge benefit to all of us. We are so grateful for her knowledge, enthusiasm and willingness to give her time to us so generously each and every week for the last fifteen years."



Pauline Lordon | Rothesay High School

Pauline has been a dedicated volunteer for all levels of youth basketball, most notably as an assistant coach to both the RHS boys and girls' basketball teams and the NB provincial program. She has given countless hours to training and encouraging young people through varied teams and the RHS Breakfast Club program. She embodies all of the positive ideals of sports that we would hope our youth would emulate and adopt.

Pauline has encouraged, supported and coached youth, both male and female at all levels of basketball play. Her encouraging, supportive and positive nature is inspiring. She embodies the work ethic, volunteerism and values we would hope our youth will adopt in their own lives.

Pauline's nominator says "Pauline has volunteered countless hours of coaching and training. She is a very high level coach with years of experience at the highest levels and we are so lucky to have her as an active participant in our community. She could be coaching at the highest level, for any organization and she freely gives of her time for our young people from elementary age straight through high school."

Thank You!