

## Volunteers provide inspiration in troubled times

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### Overview

The global economic crisis may have cast a shadow over cities the world over this year, but it did very little to dampen the volunteer spirit in Calgary.



*The Palomino Room was bustling with volunteer spirit.*

### 2009 Leadership Awards

On April 16, 2009, true to tradition, the annual Volunteer Calgary Leadership Awards went on to become another evening filled with inspiration.

With over 450 guests, the event was a remarkable display of the community's tireless support of volunteerism despite turbulent economic times. Non-profit organizations, supporters from the corporate sector, and members of the community gathered together to honour Calgary's outstanding volunteers.

Aside from being a wonderful evening of wining, dining and mingling with fellow advocates of volunteerism, the 13th Annual Volunteer Calgary Leadership Awards was also both the culmination of a year-long nomination process and the launch of the National Volunteer Week (April 19 to 25) celebrations in Calgary.

In total, 117 nominations were received by Volunteer Calgary throughout the year, highlighting the diversity of Calgarians who volunteer, including youth, lifelong volunteers, businesses, families, and even animals. These nominees

represent thousands of everyday volunteers who support and strengthen our city and more often than not go unrecognized for their efforts. Although the Awards are only able to put a spotlight on a handful of them, it ultimately aims to build awareness and put emphasis on the value of volunteerism and the importance of the work that all volunteers do.

The highlight of the evening was the emotionally-charged videos that depicted true stories of volunteerism in the community. The videos set the stage for the award ceremony, where recipients were each presented with an award piece, unique works of blown glass art, and properly acknowledged with a well-deserved round of applause.

Videos may be viewed at [www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca](http://www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca).

### The year to come...

Volunteer Calgary will continue to fuel the passion for volunteering by capturing and sharing

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## 2009 Leadership Awards

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the inspiring true stories of the city's outstanding volunteers. The nominations for the upcoming awards are ongoing year-round. If you have an inspiring tale of volunteerism to tell, visit [www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca](http://www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca) for information on how to nominate.



**Mark your calendars for the 14th Annual Leadership Awards on April 15, 2010.**



### Volunteers Connecting Community

*A quarterly publication of Volunteer Calgary*

**Volunteer Calgary's mission is to engage more people, more effectively, to volunteer in the community. In keeping with our goal, this newsletter serves as an information tool for the many individuals and organizations active within our community's voluntary sector.**

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## A Salute to the 2009 Nominees

This year, for the first time ever, Volunteer Calgary held a pre-awards event to honour all the Leadership Awards nominees.

On March 25, 2009, Volunteer Calgary welcomed over 85 nominees, nominators, members and friends to the Kahanoff Centre to announce the 2009 list of nominees for the 13th Annual Leadership Awards.

The total number of nominations received, 117 in all, was a significant indicator that the spirit of volunteerism is indeed flourishing within the city.

According to Laurel Benson, President and CEO of Volunteer Calgary, "When we received all the nominations, we realized that each story of volunteerism was worthy of recognition and appreciation. Each nominee has had a journey which has inspired, enriched, and encouraged others."

"It is truly humbling to see the accomplishments of these nominees, they give freely of their time and expertise in all areas of our community, often without fanfare or any other public acknowledgement, it is no wonder that Calgary remains unchallenged as the "Volunteer Capital of Canada," concluded Benson.

**The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.**

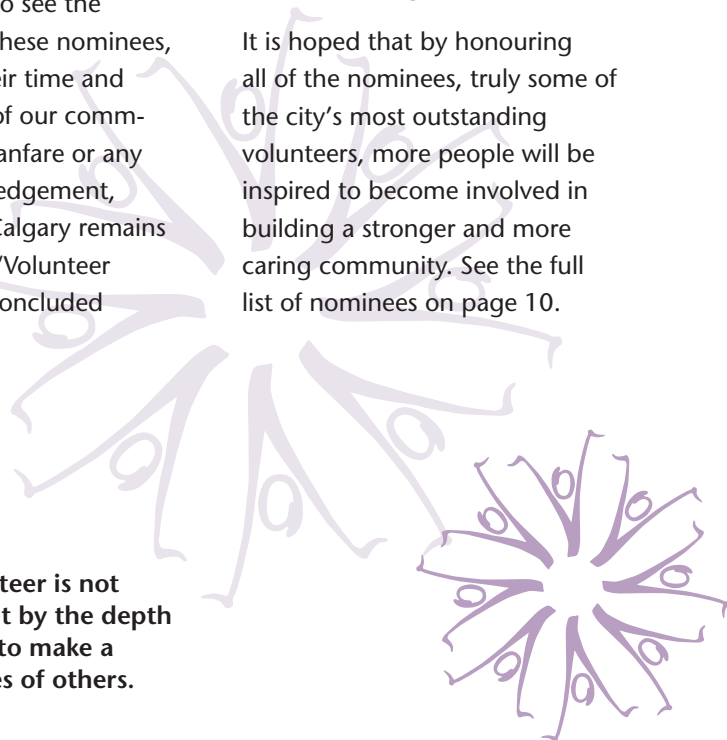
*DeAnn Hollis*



*Volunteer Calgary's Laurel Benson congratulates the nominees of the Leadership Awards during the press conference.*

This unofficial title was declared back in 2005 when an Ipsos Reid survey concluded that 71% of Calgarians were participating in some form of volunteering, donating an average of 15 hours of their time per month; statistics that exceed both the national and provincial averages for volunteering.

It is hoped that by honouring all of the nominees, truly some of the city's most outstanding volunteers, more people will be inspired to become involved in building a stronger and more caring community. See the full list of nominees on page 10.



## Leadership in Volunteer Management Award

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Tina Barzo has been involved with non-profit conservation and environmental organizations in the areas of communications, outreach, membership development and volunteer programs.

"I have the great privilege of matching great people with great things to do in Banff National Park," says Barzo. In truth, this volunteer manager does much more than that. Barzo has made a huge impact through the development and implementation of the Banff Parks Volunteer Program.

Her volunteers say it all. "She is the face of the volunteer program, the one who encourages and supports the volunteers," says Rahul Bhagat, a park volunteer. Working with both volunteers and paid staff, Barzo ensures that volunteers are connected to roles that are suited to their interests and skills and compliment the ongoing work of the Park staff. This ensures that volunteers stay engaged in an organization.

"At Suncor, we recognize the Volunteer Manager position as being a pivotal role for non-profit organizations and volunteers," says Ashley Cormier, Community Investment Advisor, Suncor Energy. "Suncor has been a sponsor of this award since its inception, acknowledging that the volunteer managers are the coaches, mentors and innovators in the sector that really help make the volunteer experience that much better for the volunteers."

**We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give.**

*Winston Churchill*



*The lady of the night with the Suncor ladies (L-R) Lori Gammel, Ashley Cormier, Tina Barzo and Cathy Glover.*

According to Janet Burstall, Community Development Manager, Volunteer Calgary, "The Leadership in Volunteer Management Award is incredibly important to the work that Volunteer Calgary is doing. It is a tangible demonstration of the measurable impact that can be made by professional volunteer managers who are executing engaging and highly effective volunteer programs."

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*Ashley Cormier, Advisor,  
Community Investment  
for Suncor Energy*

### Did YOU know?

**Tina Barzo is a huge fan of Volunteer Calgary's Training programs. We offer a variety of training on volunteer management topics. Check our website under programs for more details.**

#### **Build Your Volunteer Management Experience**

Want to share your experience in volunteer management and grow your experience for your resume? Volunteer to co-facilitate a training course. Call Janet Burstall at 231-1442 for more details.

## Athletes Mentoring Program – Outstanding Volunteer Program Award

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The Athletes Mentoring Program (AMP) is a program of the Catholic Family Service, which provides a wide range of human service programs geared towards strengthening people and building strong communities.

AMP promotes one-on-one mentoring relationships by matching young athletes in the post secondary level with youngsters in the community who may be in need of a positive role model. It creates a fun and healthy environment for growth and interaction.

Between October and March, the mentees attend regular evening practices to observe good behavior from their mentors. After practice, the mentees have up to an hour of conversation and sports play between them and their mentors. Volunteer mentors come from SAIT, Mount Royal College, and University of Calgary.

Julie Young, a volunteer mentor says, "They're always so happy. You can tell that it means a lot to them for someone to actually care."



"I've always been so impressed that young student athletes with busy schedules really put their heart and soul into a commitment that they make and that is one of the most impressive features of it," says Greg Campbell, CEO of Calgary Family Service. "The second most impressive feature is seeing the kids respond to it."

"If I needed a laugh or to talk, my mentor always succeeds in making me laugh till my cheeks hurt," says Angie, a young mentee.

*Catholic Family Service representatives (centre) Sherry Hiebert-Keck, Managing Director, Community Services and Jessica Cope, Supervisor, Volunteer Resources with Enbridge's Lennina Pavon Cardosa (L) and Laura Samaroo (R), Coordinators of Community Partnerships & Investment.*

### Did YOU know?

The Outstanding Volunteer Program Award, formerly known as Leader in Community Award, underwent a name change to better reflect the aim of the award, which is to recognize an innovative volunteer program or event established by a non-profit organization.

For consultations on how to build a better volunteer program, contact Volunteer Calgary at (403) 265-5633 or [info@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:info@volunteercalgary.ab.ca).

Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

## Jim Gray – Heart of Calgary Award

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“At the heart of every agency, group, and community are the volunteers and their efforts. Without those efforts, most non-profit agencies could not meet the needs of Calgary’s most vulnerable individuals,” says Barbara Simic, Community Investment Manager of ConocoPhillips.

James “Jim” Gray is a respected community leader whose accomplishments are evident through their impact on a wide range of community organizations.

He has been known to focus his energy on causes close to his heart, particularly in the areas of education, children and families. His leadership, planning, and fundraising efforts have been instrumental to numerous organizations including the Calgary Stampede, Calgary Native Friendship Centre, Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter, Canada West Foundation, Science Alberta Foundation, Wood’s Homes, Calgary Academy and Renfrew Educational Services.

For over 50 years, Jim Gray has been involved in every aspect of YMCA Calgary’s development. His journey with the YMCA began as a young adult when he decided to give free swimming lessons to inner-city boys. Since then, he has played a pivotal role in shaping this valuable community resource through the development of programs and campaigns and leading successful efforts to build new YMCA facilities.

**Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.**

*Elizabeth Andrew*

“The thing about Jim that reflects the award is his dedication, his commitment, his lifelong energy for the volunteer and the charitable communities in Calgary,” says Kevin Meyers, President of ConocoPhillips.

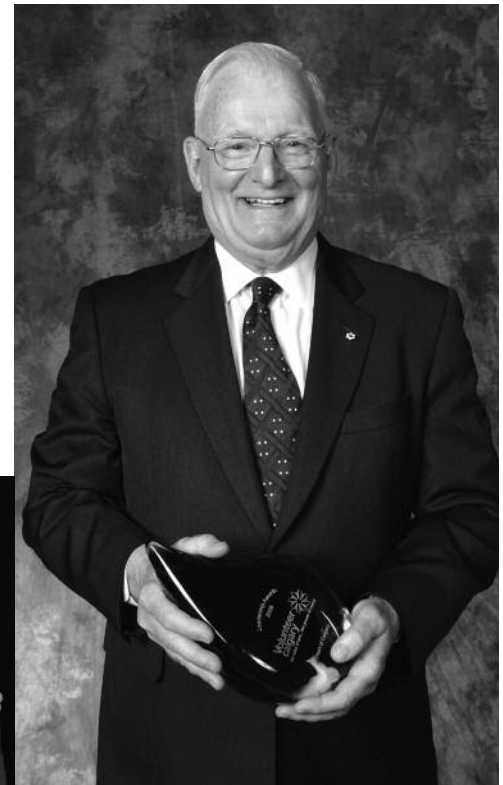
With all his achievements, Jim remains very humble. To this day, he continues to impact the community while maintaining his routine — the daily morning swim at the YMCA.



*Kevin Meyers (L), ConocoPhillips President, congratulates Jim Gray.*

**“I’ve always felt that for sustainable quality in life you need 3 elements: your Family, your Community, and your Place of Business. That’s one of the reasons I get involved is that I’ve recognized many years ago how important that anchor — the community anchor — is.”**

*Jim Gray.*



*Jim Gray, Heart of Calgary award recipient for 2009.*

### Did YOU know?

**A Heart of Calgary recipient...**

- is a lifelong volunteer.
- has made a huge impact on the community.
- has served as an inspiration to others to volunteer and serves as a role model to their community.
- demonstrates passion and commitment to creating a healthy and vibrant community.

## Leaders in Business Award

"If there's one quality that all these businesses share this year, it would be their dedication to having a positive impact in the communities where they work and their recognition that the employee volunteer program is an important way that they can do that," says Marlene Mulligan, Community Engagement Advisor of Chevron Canada Resources Ltd.

### Fluor Canada Ltd.

Fluor Canada Ltd. is structured to support a culture of workplace volunteerism at local and global levels. Employees are given flexible work hours with 26 Fridays off each year to accommodate volunteer efforts.

"It's so important to many of our employees to be able to volunteer and to make a difference to a point that volunteerism can even be considered a core value for many of them," says Peter Hatcher, GM Engineering at Fluor.

Since 1995, around 150 Fluor employees have helped out at the Calgary Stampede, serving pancakes and making guests feel welcome. Fluor volunteers have supported the United Way campaign for 10 years and have packed hampers for the Calgary Food Bank each month since 2003.

Fluor also hosts "Canstruction" each year where Calgary corporations engage in a friendly competition designing structures out of canned food, which are later donated to the food bank.

"People have a passion to make a difference. They take that passion out into the community and bring it back to the work place," says Hatcher.



### Stikeman Elliott LLP

For the second year in a row, Stikeman Elliott has displayed just how much their firm values social responsibility. "Stikeman Elliott decided to develop a formal program for volunteering because we saw the need out in the community and we wanted a chance to give back to the community," says Michelle Isaacson, Client Relationship Manager, Stikeman Elliott LLP.

Their Seeing is Believing program allows employees to go out and volunteer with different organizations monthly. Employees have been involved in a variety of activities:

baking at the YWCA, painting a warehouse for CNIB, adopting a park for cleanup, making lunches for Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, raising funds for the Discovery House, and serving food at the Mustard Seed. On top of that, lawyers are encouraged to get involved with different boards in the community.

Stikeman Elliott support employee volunteers through different ways: time off, matching a monetary contribution to an organization for the volunteer hours contributed by employees.



Walk in Closet and food drives for the Calgary Food Bank, raised funds for the United way by soliciting money to put a pie in the face of one of their executives. They also held the Scott SMED Golf tournament fundraiser in support of Calgary Pregnancy and Infancy Loss program.

Employee volunteers are supported by giving them afternoons off or time off to go out and volunteer or match contributions to any organization up to a certain amount in terms of financial funding.

"It [employee volunteering] meets two needs: it's a teambuilding activity because everyone is out doing something non-work related together yet contributes to community at the same time," says Bowen.

## Did YOU know?

### Employee Volunteer Groups usually look for...

- Projects with a definite lifespan
- Activities for large groups
- Excellent teambuilding events
- Meaningful ways to boost employee morale

### Paint the Town

Volunteer Calgary has an Employee Volunteering Program called Paint the Town that facilitates partnerships between corporate groups and non-profit organizations engaged in a volunteer project.

For more details on the program, contact Susan Wilmot, Corporate Citizenship Coordinator at [swilmot@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:swilmot@volunteercalgary.ab.ca) or (403) 231-1428.

*Representatives from Calgary's Leaders in Business stand proud. From left to right: Marcia Decter, Chevron; Cheryl Janzen, Senior Career Advisor Bowen; Jessica Bowen, Great Plains Administrator, Bowen; Debbie Wershler, Vice President Workforce Management Bowen; Marlene Mulligan, Chevron; Birch Miller, Associate, Stikeman Elliott; Bill Hopkins, Executive Director, Stikeman Elliott; Mike Styczen, Associate Stikeman Elliott; Glenda Valero De Silano, Chevron; Scott McArthur, Director, Business Development, Fluor; Amanda Condie, Manager, Marketing and Communications; Jennifer Chambers, Project Engineer and Fluor Volunteer Team Lead; Peter Hatcher, General Manager of Engineering, Fluor.*

### BOWEN Workforce Solutions

BOWEN's corporate mandate to "enrich the lives of those we touch" is reflected in their Volunteer Policies which encourage employees to give back to the community.

"The community service committee was established out of interest of employees," says Jessica Bowen, 2008 Chair Community Service Committee.

"One of our goals was to get as many people involved as possible."

The committee organized fundraising and volunteer activities for staff to partake in. Creativity and variety got more employees engaged in volunteer activities. They painted transitional apartments for charity, prepared lunches at the Mustard Seed, held clothing drives for the

## Leaders of Tomorrow Award

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**“When somebody gets into volunteering at a young age, volunteering’s got a better chance of becoming a real core value for them, and continuing throughout their life,” says Rod Garossino, Senior Community Investment Advisor of EnCana.**

*Leaders of Tomorrow (L-R) Eden Full, Megan Davidson and Sabrina Poonja with Rod Garossino of EnCana (centre).*



### Megan Davidson (Elementary)

Megan Davidson’s volunteer journey began the day she saw a homeless man out on the streets when she was 7. Now, at age 10, Davidson has devoted herself to contributing towards this issue.

“It’s rare to see someone so young not only with such a strong passion, but with the desire and initiative to turn that passion into tangible acts of service,” says Courtney Fliss, Mustard Seed Communications Specialist.

Davidson has turned her birthday parties into Sandwich-Making events for the Mustard Seed, inspiring her friends and family to get involved. She has also organized clothing drives in which all proceeds go to the Seed. She has been honoured by her school for all her caring and selfless acts of kindness. “I don’t think I need to be recognized for this, I think it’s just something that I wanted to do. I just wanted to help our community,” says a modest Davidson. “It [volunteering] makes me feel really happy. I can’t wait to do more”

### Sabrina Poonja (Junior High)

A true role model to her peers, Sabrina Poonja makes a lasting impression as an inspiring leader. At the Calgary French & International School, Poonja spearheaded a raffle in support of the Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter, raising \$1,000 for this cause.

Continually helping those in need, she has participated in the “Pay It Forward Club” focusing on random acts of kindness, as well as the Bell Walk for Kids Help Phone.

Believing in the power of literacy, Poonja has devoted time over the past 2 years to the Reading Buddies and Computer Buddies program through the Calgary Public Library. She also helps out regularly at her mosque with various tasks.

“I learned so much from volunteering. I meet new people, learn things, get exposed to new cultures, religions, perspectives and thoughts,” says Poonja.

### Eden Full (Senior High)

Eden Full has been committed to changing the world her entire life. An environmental enthusiast, a science fanatic and a music lover, many organizations and charities have felt the impact of Eden Full’s abilities. She has been involved with Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta, Youth Science Canada SMARTS network, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, the Aero Space Museum, Science Alberta and Minds in Motion.

“As a kid, I had to work really hard to get the resources I needed for my [science] projects. I wanted to make it easier for other kids,” says Full of her contribution to Youth Science Canada’s SMARTS program.

A confident young woman, Full has already done amazing things, but is sure to do countless more in the future.

“I love what I do, I love volunteering. I wouldn’t change my life, I wouldn’t change a bit of it,” says Full.

## Cynthia Zuidema – Volunteer In Profile

Cynthia Zuidema has 13 years of Brownie experience under her belt and enjoys every second of it. Trips, camps, walks, and badge earning all are only a part of who Zuidema is. Six years into her Brownie leading, Zuidema was diagnosed with MS. Since then, she has kept going, using her walker on good days and a wheel chair on bad days.

She says that what gets her through her attacks is her partner, Ken, and her Brownies. Zuidema is the leader of the 128 Brownie Pack of Cooper Glen District 6 with 30 young girls, aged 7-8 who look forward to their time together every Thursday. "They keep me young. And because I have no kids of my own, they are my children." says Zuidema.

The girls' lives are being touched by Zuidema's eager leading and enthusiasm. Apart from her own pack, Zuidema is a dedicated District 6 Commissioner, managing the largest district units in all of Calgary. "I look forward to each and every week. I go because I can, I still can," says Zuidema.



*Cynthia Zuidema, VIP of the year and Brownie at Heart.*

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**Did YOU know?**

**Give volunteers their 3 minutes of fame!**

Recognize your volunteers and create awareness for your organization. There are 6 months to go to nominate them to be CTV's next Volunteer In Profile (VIP).

Volunteer Calgary and CTV have partnered up to profile Calgary's outstanding volunteers and our member organizations. Check out the VIPs at [volunteercalgary.ab.ca/programs/ctv\\_vip\\_program.html](http://volunteercalgary.ab.ca/programs/ctv_vip_program.html) To nominate, contact Aden Hirtle at [ahirtle@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:ahirtle@volunteercalgary.ab.ca).

## Moldon Family – Volunteer Family Award

The Moldon Family is a perfect example that the family that volunteers together, plays and stays together.

"It's important for us as parents that our daughters are volunteering because it helps to develop the beliefs and moral compass that we want to set for them," says Jeff Moldon.

Jeff has served meals at the Mustard Seed Ministry for over 10 years, and daughter Ashlie followed his footsteps by organizing a dinner through her school. Coralie has volunteered her time to fundraising events for charity, while Candice has developed a drive to collect warm clothing for those in need.

"Growing up, my parents were amazing role models and they always told us that if you're not doing all the

good that you can then that's not good enough," says Ashlie Moldon.

The Moldons especially enjoy projects that they can accomplish as

a family such as creating center-pieces for the fundraiser Wish Upon a Star Gala and decorating the Alberta Children's Hospital.

"Family represents everything that volunteering is about. We, as a family, rely on each other, and by doing that we make sure that everybody feels loved," says Ashlie Moldon.

"Volunteering is being able to give that same feeling to people."



*The Moldon family (left to right): Ashlie (16), Candice (13), Coralie and Jeff are each involved with various community events.*

**Did YOU know?**

**Sponsor the Volunteer Family Award!**

Families are the building blocks of the community. Support and encourage families who volunteer! If you are interested in sponsoring this award, contact Wayne Steer, Volunteer Calgary Director of Fund Development at [wsteer@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:wsteer@volunteercalgary.ab.ca).

## Jet the Cat – Volunteer Animal Award

Jet is the longest active visiting pet in the Pet Access League Society of Calgary. In total, he has volunteered for 13 years, has made 200 visits to the Alberta Children's Hospital, and has helped to make thousands of children smile and laugh. He has been instrumental in soothing, delighting and even rehabilitating countless children. "Jet knows what kids seem to need," says owner, Tineke Asma-Schollaardt.

**Did YOU  
know?**

**The Volunteer Animal Award is in need of a loving sponsor! This award recognizes an animal that demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism through its active volunteer involvement and contribution to the community. It serves as a reminder that volunteering can come in all sizes and species!**

If you are interested in sponsoring this award category, contact Wayne Steer, Volunteer Calgary Director of Fund Development at [wsteer@volunteercalgary.ab.ca](mailto:wsteer@volunteercalgary.ab.ca).



*Gentle Jet snuggles up to his proud owner Tineke Asma-Schollaardt.*

## 2009 Leadership Awards Nominees List

### Leadership in Volunteer Management Sponsored by Suncor Energy Foundation

<i>Nominees</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Tina Barzo	Parks Canada, Banff National Park
Wendy Daitch	ARBI
Colleen Ferguson	Calgary Reads (An Early Literacy Initiative) Society
Liz Kehler	Calgary Meals on Wheels
Lindsay Rawding	Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter

### Leaders in Business Sponsored by Chevron Canada Limited

<i>Nominees</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Bowen Workforce Solutions, Inc.	Bowen Workforce Solutions, Inc
Carma Developers LP	Wellspring Calgary
Deloitte & Touche LLP	Hull Child and Family Services
Fluor Canada Ltd.	Calgary Stampede, Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank
Hopewell Group of Companies	Calgary Meals on Wheels
KPMG Corporate Finance Inc	Heritage Park Historical Village
Stikeman Elliott LLP	Stikeman Elliott LLP
Urban Systems Ltd.	CNIB
Vermilion Energy	YWCA
WestJet	WestJet

### Leaders of Tomorrow Sponsored by EnCana Corporation

<i>Nominees</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Dustin Allen	Between Friends Club
Jenna Carpenter	Bishop O'Byrne High School
Jordan Casello	Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank
Megan Davidson	The Mustard Seed
Sarah Eccleston	St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish
Julia Friley	LINKages Society of Alberta
Eden Full	Youth Science Canada's Student Mentorship Association
Christina Gray	LINKages Society of Alberta
Jarad Hauck	Holy Spirit Elementary School
Aly Hirji	West Island College
Faisal Hirji	West Island College
Daniel Ireson	Western Canada High School
Graham Kingsley	Sir Winston Churchill High School
Jonathan Lim	LINKages Society of Alberta
Carolyn Ly	Ernest Morrow Junior High
Amy Mendis	West Island College
Ashlie Moldon	Bishop O'Byrne High School
Walter Pang	Child and Youth Friendly Calgary
Jennifer Pelham	Vincent Massey School
Sabrina Poonja	Calgary French & International School
Mitchell Randall	Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies
Gianna Read	Storybook Theatre
Neethu Sagar	CBE, Forest Lawn High School
Vicki Schmuland	Habitat for Humanity Calgary
Nicole Sehn	LINKages Society of Alberta
Natasha Somani	Child and Youth Friendly Calgary
Zeeyaan Somani	Child and Youth Friendly Calgary
Debbie Wang	Debbie Wang
Glen Wang	Distress Centre Calgary

# 2009 Leadership Awards Nominees List

## Outstanding Volunteer Program Sponsored by Enbridge Inc

<i>Nominees</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Athletes Mentoring Program	Catholic Family Service
Bethany Calgary Auxiliary	Bethany Care Society
Calgary Reads	Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life	Canadian Cancer Society
Commitment to Care	Calgary Humane Society
CenterPoint Volunteer Management Consultants	Distress Centre Calgary
CUPS Dental Program	CUPS Health and Education Centres
Fort Calgary's RCMP Veterans'	Fort Calgary Volunteer Program
FunnyFest Calgary Comedy Festival Society	FunnyFest Calgary Comedy Festival Society
Hospice Bereavement Program	Hospice Calgary
LEGACY	Alberta Theatre Projects
Loose Moose Theatre Company	Loose Moose Theatre Company
Run & Jump & Play (many programs)	Junior League of Calgary
SIW take Arts and Crafts on the Road	Calgary Immigrant Women's Association
Wheels for Kids	Literacy Alberta Society
Young Adults Connecting With Seniors (YACS)	LINKages Society of Alberta
Youth Volunteer Corps	Child and Youth Friendly Calgary

## Volunteer in Profile Sponsored by CTV

<i>Nominees</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Janelle Beaven	LINKages Society of Alberta
Diane Blackwell	Alberta Theatre Projects
Cameron Crozier	Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter
Steven Fedorchuk	Calgary Search and Rescue Association (CALSARA)
Harold Hagen	Hull Child and Family Services
Debbie Hodgins	Alberta Children's Hospital
George Jones	Care Connect Christina Society
Carrie Mah	Child and Youth Friendly Calgary
Lena McKenzie	Kerby Centre
Aly Nanji	Distress Centre Calgary
Patricia Pinkney	Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Calgary and Area
Cynthia Zuideman	Girl Guides of Canada

## Volunteer Family Sponsored by Volunteer Calgary

<i>Nominees</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
John and Eloise Bergen	Begen's Mission
John, Dawn, Anna, Alison, Maria and Chloe Fox	Father Lacombe Care Centre
Amy, Jacob, Barry and Christopher Hensch	Storybook Theatre
Jack, Pam and Catherine McDowell	Heritage Park Historical Village
Jeff, Coralie, Ashlie and Candice Moldon	Brookfield Properties
Dr. Alykhan Nanji, Dr. Afroza Nanji, Aadam and Alia Nanji	C-era Medical Clinic
David, Marie Ann, Ryan and Shannon Turner	MEOw Foundation

## Volunteer Animal Sponsored by Volunteer Calgary

<i>Nominees</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Catfish - Horse	Opening Gaits Therapeutic Riding Society of Calgary
Jet - Cat	MEOw Foundation
Joey - Dog	Jodi Martin
Laddie - Dog	STARS
Magic - Horse	Opening Gaits Therapeutic Riding Society of Calgary
Sawyer - Dog	Steve and Alison Archambault
Smokey - Cat	Lisa Fahey-Jacko
Tangus - Dog	Strawberry Art Studio
Whitby - Dog	Woodlands Veterinary Hospital

## Heart of Calgary Sponsored by ConocoPhillips

<i>Nominees</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
Clayton Buck	Calgary Municipal Land Corporation
Patricia (Pat) Cochrane	EducationMatters
Peter Cutting	Calgary Public Library
Laura de Jonge	Birth Unlimited
Randy Fowler	ARBI
James (Jim) K. Gray	YMCA Calgary
Lorne Haggarty	Distress Centre Calgary
V.L. (Doug) Hawkes	The Calgary Foundation
Michael Hope	Agape Hospice
John Hornach	Daryl Hornach
Penny Hume	Child and Youth Friendly Calgary
Patrick Jarvis	Dept. of Physical Education & Recreation
Robert (Bob) Lang	The Federation of Calgary Communities
David LeReaney	Performing Arts Lodge (PAL) Calgary
Peter Mauro	St Francis School
Ann McCaig	Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre
Brian McGregor	Wellspring Calgary
Pat Moore	Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter
John Osler	Alberta Cancer Foundation
Mr. Avinashbhai B. Patel	Gujarati Mandal of Calgary
Mrs. Ranjanben A. Patel	Gujarati Mandal of Calgary
David Pickersgill	Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Calgary & Area
Maryanne Pope	John Petropoulos Memorial Fund
Dale Richards	CNIB
Abbi Singh	WAX Partnership Incorporated
Walter Stojke	Canadian Cancer Society
John Watson	Hull Child and Family Services

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# Final words....



The continued success of the Annual Leadership Awards is a result of the solid support from Volunteer Calgary's sponsors.

Suncor Energy Inc. continues to be the presenting sponsor as well as one of the awards sponsors. Awards sponsors are Enbridge Inc, Encana Corporation, Chevron Canada Limited, ConocoPhillips, and CTV. Zoom Communications produced the video to launch the awards. The Calgary Herald provided valuable media coverage.

Thank you all for your continued support!



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# Thank you!

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank