

## A decorative horizontal banner at the top of the page. It features a series of stylized, colorful geometric shapes representing buildings and a sailboat. From left to right: a sailboat on blue waves, a blue and white geometric pattern, a blue house with a white roof, a yellow house with a blue roof, a white house with a blue roof, a purple house with a yellow roof, a yellow compass rose, a blue house with a white roof, and a blue house with a white roof. The colors are vibrant and the style is modern and minimalist.

DEPUTY MAYOR CATHY DEAGLE-GAMMON

Ella has shown outstanding leadership skills within the Youth Leadership Program at Gordon R. Snow Community Centre over the past two summers. She always gives 110 per cent and is ready to lend a helping hand whenever someone may need it.

Steven's dedication to the Military History Association has inspired its members to continue sharing the history of the Canadian Forces with the public. Steven is also a true ambassador of the Royal Canadian Legion and exemplifies what they stand for; to help and support veterans and their families.

Karen has been a volunteer with Hospice Halifax since 2016. She has contributed over 778 hours to Hospice Halifax in many capacities, from mentoring new volunteers at the thrift store to photography and fundraising. She also gives time to the Ostomy Halifax Society and the Fall River group Crafters for Community. Karen is an individual who has used her pre- and post-retirement years to give back to the community in many ways and is an example of true altruism.

Catherine's volunteer efforts have brought joy and warmth to hundreds of families every holiday season. Over the last ten years, her passion and dedication have led to thousands of hours with the Fall River & Riverlakes District Lions Christmas Express to support families in need. Her actions and leadership have brought profound awareness and contributions to many neighbouring communities inside and outside the municipality.

Steven and Cheryl epitomize the essence of volunteerism, each contributing their unique talents to numerous community organizations. Steven's leadership has been pivotal in guiding community initiatives, while Cheryl's hands-on approach and dedication to operational tasks has revitalized essential community organizations. Together, their commitment to service has made a profound and lasting impact on the fabric of our community.

Andréa is an exceptional leader known for her clear vision, 18 years of boundless dedication and remarkable ability to raise over one million dollars for Camp Courage. Her talent for creating processes, building relationships and inspiring graduates who champion causes highlights her extraordinary impact as a visionary and community builder.

Betty Lou, through her kindness, grace, generosity and hard work, has changed the world for those who live in the Musquodoboit Valley. When she sees a deficiency in our community, she is determined to find a way to provide the service needed and has been on the founding boards of many organizations. Betty Lou has volunteerism in her heart and has devoted thousands of hours to service in our community.



## DISTRICT 2

### COUNCILLOR DAVID HENDSBEE

#### **Grayson Abbott (Youth)**

Grayson, an exceptional youth leader at Halifax Rec, has become a positive role model for camp kids, peers and staff at the recreation centre. Through the Youth Leadership Program, Grayson has donated over 350 volunteer hours, demonstrating his wholehearted commitment to making contributions to the community.

#### **Parker Keddy (Youth)**

Parker, a Grade 4 student at Ross Road School in Westphal, has a strong passion for books and actively shares this love with his classmates and school. He has authored two children's books, *This Is Parker* and *Night at the Cabin*, with a portion of proceeds going towards purchasing new books for his school's library, raising over \$800 since July 2023.

#### **Elle Viktoria Peters (Youth)**

Elle is a dedicated youth volunteer who spends over 30 hours a month volunteering for multiple organizations representing people of French expression in the province and beyond. Her advocacy for underrepresented groups inspires both youth and adults to take responsible and impactful actions, making her a true role model.

#### **Gregory Cross**

Gregory brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Eastern Shore community, actively serving various organizations and sharing his expertise. His commitment to serving as chair of the Community Advisory Committee and involvement in several other organizations benefit the community, making rural Nova Scotia a comfortable and safe place to live.

#### **Wendy Pehrsson**

Wendy, an integral member of the Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild, demonstrates exceptional leadership and creativity. With a background in nursing and a passion for quilting, Wendy's invaluable contributions to the guild, from guiding members in colour selection to spearheading workshops and outreach projects, enrich our community and inspire us all.

#### **Edward Anthony Probert**

Edward is a fixture in our community, always ready to help others without seeking anything in return. His presence as a great comrade, church member and volunteer firefighter has benefited the entire community. Despite limitations, Edward's work ethic inspires all, demonstrating that hard work and volunteering make individuals stronger.

#### **Jacqueline Sanford**

Jacqueline epitomizes volunteerism, dedicating herself wholeheartedly to various local sports, school-based activities and family resources. As President of the Porters Lake Soccer Association, former Eastern Shore Family Resource Association Chairperson and Porters Lake Elementary SAC – Jacqueline's contributions ensure her community is a better place for all.

#### **Barbara Victor**

Barbara's leadership to the business and organization of the Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild is recognized by both past and present members. She possesses the qualities every organization values in a member: a relaxed demeanour, competence and a relaxed nature that make her a great team leader.



## **DISTRICT 3**

### **COUNCILLOR BECKY KENT**

#### **Gabrielle Brown (Youth)**

At age 16, Gabrielle exemplifies an ideal soccer coach – passionate and dedicated. Driven by a desire to break gender barriers in sports coaching, her commitment to nurturing player happiness and skill development and her unwavering passion for soccer makes her an exceptional nominee for the youth volunteer award.

#### **George Anthis CD**

George is an exceptional volunteer who often works alone and without prompting or structure from other organizations. If he feels there is a need, he steps up, driven by his heart to action. His extraordinary commitment to public service, honouring those who serve or have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect others, makes him a true hero.

#### **Leila Angelah Bautista**

Leila has dedicated six years to serving her community with creativity and commitment. From producing newsletters to volunteering at events, her impact has been significant. As a member of the Dartmouth Community Health Board, she contributes to local research and as a Readers Volunteer Leader, she's improved reading levels for young children – inspiring others to engage in community service.

#### **Shelby Lendrum**

As the first female Volunteer Fire Captain at Station 16, Shelby embodies leadership and compassion. Her initiatives, from supporting school breakfast programs to advocating for youth programs, has left a lasting impact on the community, particularly benefiting youth and vulnerable populations. Through her dedication and example, Shelby inspires others and is a role model for women and girls.

#### **John Macpherson**

John's coaching legacy spans five decades, coaching girls' soccer for 34 years and leading table tennis athletes to national and international success. His infectious humour and dedication have impacted countless lives, extending beyond sports to volunteer work. From serving on the board for Cole Harbour Place and Meals on Wheels, John embodies selflessness and unwavering commitment to our community's youth.

#### **Jennifer Mosher**

Jennifer's leadership at Abenaki Aquatic Club has been transformative, overseeing the realization of long-standing dreams like a new dock and boat house. Her tenacity in securing funding has inspired the community, particularly young people and families, enhancing opportunities in paddling for local members and ensuring the club's vitality and growth for years to come.

#### **Vik Paliwal**

Vik has been a dedicated individual whose volunteer journey spans 15 years of service to the local community. From coaching soccer and championing diversity to strategic leadership on boards and guiding the next generation of engineers, Vik has left an indelible mark on our community. His unwavering commitment to making a positive impact is truly commendable and worthy of celebration.

#### **Garrett Reddy**

Retired Commander Garrett Reddy is a consummate volunteer, providing leadership, initiative, organization, direction and inspiration in various organizations throughout the municipality. His extraordinary contributions to the HMCS Sackville, the Navy League of Canada, the National Divers' Association and his condominium corporation have benefited Halifax, its visitors, young cadets across Nova Scotia, professional divers across Canada and his many neighbours.

#### **Jeff Seebold**

For over a decade, Jeff has been a member of the United Dartmouth Football Club and Dartmouth Whalers, serving as an exemplary role model for the young people he works with and fostering one of the best team environments in Atlantic Canada.



## **DISTRICT 4**

### **COUNCILLOR TRISH PURDY**

#### **Ryan Clark (Youth)**

Ryan's enthusiasm and positivity as a volunteer at Cole Harbour Recreation Centre positively impact all participants and staff in his programs. He goes above and beyond to ensure everyone has a positive recreation experience.

#### **Natalie Borden**

Natalie's dedicated volunteerism, particularly within Dalhousie University's Dal Insight Circle, reflects her passion for community service. Her contributions shape strategic plans, support underrepresented communities and inspire others to volunteer, championing knowledge and justice.

#### **Kathy Marshall Cormier**

Kathy's lifelong dedication to coaching, from soccer to hockey, impacts generations of players and fosters safer environments for female athletes. Beyond sports, she extends her selfless commitment to educational advancement, providing invaluable support and professional development for teachers statewide with the Teachers Association for Health and Physical Educators.

#### **Frederick Fong**

Frederick's 26-year commitment to the Chinese Benevolent Association of Nova Scotia (CBANS) has been remarkable. He tirelessly integrates CBANS into the community, supports seniors and youth, unites the Chinese community during crises and enriches cultural diversity by embodying compassion, unity and preservation.

#### **Shantha Ranepura**

As one of the founding directors of the Atlantic Buddhist Society, Shantha's commitment is showcased through his extensive volunteer efforts. He dedicates countless days and nights to building a community centre and place of worship, benefiting immigrant families from diverse Buddhist countries.

#### **Ruth Riley**

Ruth's unwavering dedication shines through her selfless actions, from providing masks to seniors during the pandemic to offering free tutoring to children in need. Her leadership in promoting STEM education among Black youth and fostering intergenerational connections uplifts and empowers her community, inspiring others to follow suit.

#### **Judith Saikaly**

With 35 years of dedicated service to the Army Cadet program, Judy exemplifies leadership by empowering youth. Her commitment to equal opportunities, confidence building and skill development sets a standard within the program, inspiring cadets and showcasing her inspirational leadership.

#### **Lisa Weatherhead**

Through thousands of volunteer hours, including mentorship with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Lisa inspires others to give back. Her focus on progress, personal connections and raising awareness leaves a lasting impact on the organizations she serves.



## DISTRICT 5

### COUNCILLOR SAM AUSTIN

#### **Katie Aucoin**

For 20 years, Katie has been a constant volunteer presence in the Dartmouth and Nova Scotia soccer communities. She continuously provides young people with encouragement and confidence while helping them fall in love with the sport and develop lifelong friendships with their teammates. Katie's commitment to her players as a coach and beyond is exceptional, making her a positive influence in hundreds of young lives.

#### **Gillis Keddy**

Gillis's unwavering dedication to serving the community shines through his volunteer work in the Salvation Army Centre of Hope kitchen. Despite personal challenges, he consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that those in need receive nutritious meals. His commitment and resilience inspire others and profoundly impact our organization, allowing us to fulfill our mission of addressing food insecurity in Halifax.

#### **Paul Lewis**

Along with his border collies, Pep, Grace and Angus – Paul selflessly volunteers his time to keep our lakes and golf courses usable by deterring Canada Geese effectively. His dedication ensures cleaner and safer recreational spaces for the community and we extend our gratitude to Paul and the Dartmouth PGA pups!

#### **Timothy Olive**

Timothy's exceptional dedication to community service as a Board Chair and member across various organizations like Dartmouth Housing and LakeCity Works has profoundly impacted addressing pressing local priorities such as affordable housing and mental health support. His contributions empower individuals, strengthen organizations and inspire others to make a difference in their communities.

#### **Matthew Serieys**

Matthew is an exceptional volunteer whose dedication to coaching youth soccer goes above and beyond. From coaching diverse age groups to fostering a supportive team culture, Matthew's commitment, reliability and inclusive leadership create a thriving environment for young athletes to flourish. His proactive approach has transformed challenges into successes, making him an invaluable asset to the programs he coaches.

#### **Kim Wallace**

As an accomplished leader deeply rooted in Dartmouth United and United DFC Soccer Clubs, Kim shines for her pivotal contributions to strategic planning and crafting exemplary policies. Leading gender equity initiatives and coaching programs, Kim's profound impact on the club, region and province stands out.



## **DISTRICT 6**

### **COUNCILLOR TONY MANCINI**

#### **Cassidy Bellefontaine**

Cassidy initiated the Period Program in 2019, providing free menstrual products to those in need in Dartmouth. Her leadership is evident through her tireless efforts to ensure the program's sustainability. Thanks to Cassidy's dedication, countless individuals now have access to essential menstrual hygiene products, addressing a previously unmet local need and making a lasting impact in the community.

#### **Russell Farrell**

Russell has contributed fundamentally to the overall success of 342 Bedford Lions, Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. He maintains the Squadron band with unmatched enthusiasm and tirelessly works to help keep all the cadets looking great in uniform. His contributions are greatly appreciated.

#### **Johanna Gordon**

Johanna, a lifelong and passionate volunteer, stands out for her recent accomplishment in conceptualizing and implementing the Landrace Community Garden in Dartmouth. Her dedication to community engagement has transformed the garden into a valuable asset for the community, reflecting her commitment to fostering connections and environmental sustainability.

#### **Emma Lynch**

Emma is an exceptional volunteer who has been instrumental in revitalizing high school cheer at Auburn Drive and Astral Drive Junior High. Emma's dedication goes beyond reinstating cheer; she creates an inclusive and spirited environment, providing students with affordable opportunities. As a creative and technical coach, Emma transforms novices into skilled performers with patient coaching, prioritizing safety and excellence.

#### **Alison Roe Smith**

Alison's 11-year commitment to Northwood as a talented musician has enriched residents' lives through versatile performances tailored to various musical interests and health challenges. Her leadership shines as she prioritizes residents' needs with sensitivity and humility, bringing comfort and joy to their lives.

#### **Saira Usman**

Saira has been a strong volunteer for the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank. Her work ethic is beyond reproach and she always delivers excellent work. Her smile lights up the room and she truly embodies what it means to volunteer.



## DISTRICT 7

### COUNCILLOR WAYE MASON

#### **Abby Spooner (Youth)**

Abby is an essential member of the team at the Halifax Brewery Market. Their enthusiasm for their community, local food and keeping our Info Booth running smoothly allows our market to thrive. They have committed well over 200 hours to our market, keeping things organized, educating customers and making an otherwise dark basement feel very bright.

#### **Maureen Banyard**

Maureen's dedication to fundraising for the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia is unparalleled. Her annual Celebration of Wreaths event, which raised over \$25,000 in 2023 alone, showcases her passion for supporting those struggling with mental illness. Maureen's leadership, energy and warm personality inspire others to get involved and give back to the community, making a lasting impact on mental health awareness and support.

#### **Leigha Givner**

Leigha's dedication to volunteering at Adsum House for over seven years has impacted our community. Her exceptional culinary skills and commitment to accommodating residents' needs, even during challenging times like COVID-19, have provided comfort and nourishment to those in need. Through her leadership and generosity, Leigha has inspired others to volunteer and has made a significant difference in the lives of many residents and staff at Adsum House.

#### **Joyce Li**

Joyce is a dedicated volunteer at her university and in the Halifax community. As President of the Dalhousie Science Society, she implemented EDIA initiatives and led a team providing first aid support. She also volunteers at the IWK Health Centre, serves on the Halifax Community Health Board, coaches in the Special Olympics and supports people experiencing homelessness with Greater Love Dalhousie. Her impactful contributions make her a deserving candidate for a volunteer award.

#### **Shanchun (Sam) Li**

Sam is a dedicated volunteer who has made significant contributions to various organizations, including the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Chinese Language School. Sam has positively impacted the community through his leadership roles and initiatives, such as organizing events and promoting cultural awareness. His commitment and selflessness serve as an inspiration to others, benefiting numerous individuals and organizations alike.

#### **Igor Stevanovic**

Igor, founder and president of the Serbian Cultural Society, exemplifies volunteerism through his tireless dedication. From organizing Serbian language schools to promoting cultural events and community integration, his leadership inspires others to join in preserving traditions. Igor's efforts extend beyond the Serbian community, fostering inclusivity and positive engagement in Nova Scotia.





## DISTRICT 8 COUNCILLOR LINDELL SMITH

### Carter Ducharme

Carter has been a gift to the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank. She is someone you can rely on. Her willingness to take on any task is commendable. She is reliable and hard-working and has greatly impacted the organization. Carter truly exemplifies what it means to be a great volunteer and has a passion for the work she does.







## DISTRICT 9

### COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY

#### **Isioma Ugwu (Youth)**

Isioma's volunteer journey showcases her exceptional dedication and leadership. From coordinating events at the Parker Street Food Bank to organizing community carnivals, her proactive approach and genuine compassion inspire others to join her in making a positive impact. Isioma's selfless actions address local priorities and benefit countless individuals and families, serving as a beacon of inspiration for community involvement.

#### **Pamela Brennan**

Pamela's volunteerism spans over three decades, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to community service. From her involvement in local planning committees to her leadership roles in major sporting events, Pam consistently embodies the values of civic engagement and social responsibility. Her ability to lead by example and mobilize others for positive change has left a lasting impact on organizations and communities alike.

#### **Atula Joshi**

Atula's dedication to the Children's Aid Foundation of Nova Scotia spans 11 years, demonstrating exceptional organizational skills and empathy for vulnerable children and youth. Her enthusiasm and commitment to making a difference extend beyond CAFNS, as she actively volunteers in other capacities, embodying the spirit of altruism and community service.

#### **Dave Reid**

Dave has been a volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House for 15 years, providing unwavering support to families every Tuesday by baking milk buns and mentoring new volunteers. His compassion and commitment have made a lasting impact on our community, embodying the essence of the organization's mission.

#### **Tia Upshaw**

Tia's volunteerism is defined by her unwavering dedication to empowering Black women entrepreneurs through initiatives like Blk Women in Excellence. Her visionary leadership and commitment to community service inspire others to pursue their goals with determination, making a profound and lasting impact on entrepreneurship and empowerment.

#### **Ming Yao**

Ming has been a dedicated promoter of Chinese culture in Nova Scotia since he immigrated to Canada in 2006. Serving on the board of multiple Chinese associations and founding the Nova Scotia Chinese Culture & Art Club in 2013, he actively participates in cultural events and festivals, fostering cross-cultural exchanges. Ming Yao's commitment to community service and mentorship reflects his passion for enriching Canadian society through cultural diversity.



## **DISTRICT 10**

### **COUNCILLOR KATHRYN MORSE**

#### **Maneesha Bhakthi Guruge**

Maneesha volunteers with the Canadian Red Cross, Autism Nova Scotia, Canadian Cancer Society, Feed Nova Scotia and IWK Health in Halifax. She has contributed over 250 hours recently to help the Halifax communities. Maneesha's empathy and kind heart towards vulnerable communities and children make her an inspiration.

#### **Keri Jenkins**

Keri's dedication as PTA chair at Duc d'Anville Elementary since 2016 extends beyond fundraising; she's the school's most devoted volunteer. Her tireless efforts raise funds and foster community relationships, making our school a better place. Keri's generosity and kindness have left an indelible mark on the school and community.

#### **Marly Nauss**

Marly's unwavering dedication as a Volunteer Medical Responder embodies selflessness and courage, ensuring community safety during emergencies. Her leadership in implementing the Volunteer Management System reflects her commitment to effective organization and service excellence. Marly's compassionate spirit inspires others, leaving a profound and lasting impact on her community.

#### **Yvonne Noel**

Yvonne, the community manager of Square Roots Fairview / Clayton Park, has been an outstanding volunteer for the past five years. Her remarkable dedication includes coordinating hundreds of volunteers, managing logistics, organizing community events, and distributing over 200,000 pounds of free fruits and vegetables to families in Fairview / Clayton Park and surrounding communities over the last four years, ensuring both community well-being and support for local farmers.

#### **George Petru**

George is an outstanding community leader, role model and volunteer. He consistently dedicates his time to several programs at the Fairview Resource Centre, going above and beyond to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those in need and his community.

#### **Yiqing (Korver) Zhang**

Yiqing has been active in various volunteer activities since arriving in Halifax seven years ago. As a student leader, he assisted at least 2500 students and their parents in landing in Halifax. As a community builder, he contributed most of his free time to the Chinese Society. As a cultural connector, Yiqing strives to put Halifax on a global footprint.



## DISTRICT 11

### COUNCILLOR PATTY CUTTELL

#### **Dylan Thomas Wambolt (Youth)**

Dylan is an exceptional young man who spends every other Saturday morning with his mom, bundling 10 lb. bags of local fruit and vegetables and delivering them to local seniors in Halifax. You can find Dylan on the football field or helping his community, providing these bundles to grateful seniors with a smile for the past three years, totalling over 200 volunteer hours.

#### **Abdulrazig Alarabi**

Abdulrazig's integral role in establishing and advancing the Alnaas Community and Youth Development Association is commendable. His tireless efforts as a board member, media coordinator, treasurer and event organizer have been pivotal to the association's success. Abdulrazig's leadership inspires others and his strategic partnerships and innovative programs have impacted our community, benefiting newcomer youth and Canadians alike.

#### **Pam Burke**

Pam's Take Pride Youth Program has become a beacon of support for LGBTQ+ youth in the Prospect Road area, fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance. Pam's dedication and leadership have inspired the youth and encouraged community members to embrace diversity, creating a more inclusive environment for all.

#### **Cong Chen**

Cong has been an invaluable asset to the Halifax community, particularly in fostering cultural connections and inclusivity. He has significantly contributed to cultural exchange and community cohesion as a key figure in the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia and the Chinese Art and Culture Centre. Cong's mentorship for immigrants and international students and his inspiring leadership have deeply enriched the lives of many, embodying the true spirit of volunteerism.

#### **Danny Slade**

Danny, a beloved resident of Spryfield, embodies the spirit of community through his infectious positivity and warm demeanour. Danny's unwavering dedication to spreading joy and kindness has made him a cherished figure in the neighbourhood. Whether greeting passersby on street corners or brightening community events with his presence, Danny's impact transcends formal titles, reminding us of the power of simple acts of kindness to uplift and unite a community.

#### **Linda Slaunwhite**

Linda is the heartbeat of the Terence Bay Community Hall (TBCH). She is known as the 'go-getter' of the Board of Directors. There is nothing Linda won't do, from securing funding, organizing volunteers, leading renovation projects, hosting community events, cleaning the hall and everything in between. She takes pride in her role as the Chair of the TBCH and ensures everyone feels welcome and honoured for their contributions.

#### **Kaarin Tae & Lawrence Plug**

Kaarin and Lawrence have been the backbone of the McIntosh Run Watershed Association (MRWA) Trail Association since 2012. They had the vision and determination to establish 27 km of world-class single-track trails within the Herring Cove and Purcells Cove backlands. This unique gem, only a few kilometres from downtown Halifax, would not have happened without their unceasing efforts.



## **DISTRICT 12**

### **COUNCILLOR IONA STODDARD**

#### **Taskeen Shabbar Ahmed (Youth)**

Taskeen is a dedicated volunteer with a passion for helping others. Despite her busy schedule as a science undergrad at Dalhousie University, she serves as an English Conversation Group Facilitator at Halifax Public Library. Her commitment and enthusiasm make her an asset to any volunteer initiative.

#### **Aniqa Jalal (Youth)**

Aniqa is always there to lend a hand, whether in her roles as an Equity Affairs and Sexualized Violence Committee Member for the King's Student Union, assisting with the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra's communication or any other task she takes on. Aniqa is compassionate and caring towards those around her, leading the way to a more inclusive Halifax.

#### **Olivia Lily Liu (Youth)**

Olivia is a remarkable high school student who serves as co-president of her school's Environmental Climate Change Organization and secretary of Friends of Clayton Park. She is also a student teacher volunteer at Maritime Dance Academy and loves helping young dancers find their passion and love for dance. Olivia consistently creates a welcoming, friendly and positive atmosphere in every room she enters.

#### **Fares Siddiqui (Youth)**

Fares has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication through his volunteer work, particularly as the founder of the M.Y. Community group, which provides vital support to people experiencing homelessness. His proactive approach to addressing community needs and inspiring others to get involved showcases his commitment to making a lasting and positive impact in his community.

#### **Dr. Nicholous Deal**

Dr. Nicholous M. Deal has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the Halifax West Ecumenical Food Bank Association for the past ten years. As Board Chair, he showcased resilience and resourcefulness during the pandemic, fostering collaborations with community groups to provide sustainable food sources and support for breakfast programs, benefiting over 100 families and 300 children.

#### **Marion Gates**

Marion has been a beacon of dedication and positive change at Grosvenor-Wentworth Park School, advocating for equity, diversity and inclusion during her time on the School Advisory Council. Despite battling stage 4 cancer for the past four years, Marion's commitment to enhancing traffic safety, initiating a Kindness Movement, volunteering in the Breakfast Program and excelling as a fundraising coordinator showcases her exceptional leadership and creativity.

#### **Nicole McDonald**

Nicole has made remarkable contributions to organizations like Souls Harbour Rescue Mission and the Nova Scotia Association for Community Living. Overcoming challenges with spina bifida, she has served as a beacon of resilience and inspiration, impacting lives through her volunteerism. Nicole's leadership and commitment to inclusivity have left a lasting imprint on her community, making her a standout advocate for positive change.



## DISTRICT 13

### COUNCILLOR PAM LOVELACE

#### **Hannah Finkle (Youth)**

Hannah emerges as a natural leader, infusing every task with a spirit of excellence. She engages in diverse roles across various school and community organizations and leverages her passion, initiative, adept problem-solving skills and unwavering reliability to enhance each endeavour. Her commitment to fostering positive change and dedication to her peers' well-being makes her deserving and truly exemplary.

#### **Hana Elnaggar**

Hana has been a core member of the Dalhousie Engineering Community and an active volunteer within her community. As the Group Commissioner of Ummah Scouts of Halifax, Hana oversees all the volunteers and ensures the overall health of her scouting group. With her dedication to her scouting group, Hana is a clear leader within the community.

#### **Allison Jeffrey**

Allison serves her community through her efforts in dog rescue and her commitment to educating potential adopters on successfully welcoming a rescue dog into their homes. She has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of dogs and the loving families who adopted them, as well as supporting the volunteers who make it all happen.

#### **David & Michelle Lane**

Dave and Michelle have dedicated themselves to community service. Their impact has been immense, from Dave's passion for astronomy at the Royal Astronomical Society to Michelle's involvement with organizations like the International Coaching Federation (ICF) Atlantic and the Blue Nose Marathon. Additionally, their efforts at the St. Margarets Bay Sailing Club have raised the bar for youth sailing regattas, earning recognition with awards such as Sail Nova Scotia's Regatta of the Year in 2023.

#### **The Merricks**

Over the past four years, Denise, Evan, Bradlee and Tara Merrick have raised almost \$12,000 by collecting recyclables and using the funds to purchase toys which they donated to their local fire department for distribution to families in need at Christmas. Their dedication to giving back to their community is truly inspiring.

#### **Melan Sapp**

Melan's unwavering dedication to enhancing the Bay community shines through his diverse volunteer efforts. Whether serving on boards, utilizing his exceptional woodworking skills for community projects, mentoring youth or offering support at community events, Melan's gentle demeanour and genuine care for the community inspire those around him, embodying the true spirit of volunteerism.



**DISTRICT 14**  
**COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN**

**Tara Hill**

Tara is deeply committed to her community, exemplified by her roles as chair of the Sackville Heights Community Centre and board member of the Sackville Business Association. Additionally, she generously volunteers during Christmas in her neighbourhood and at the Springfield Lake Community Centre. Tara consistently demonstrates her leadership skills and compassion in every endeavour, making a positive impact wherever she goes.



**DISTRICT 15**  
**COUNCILLOR PAUL RUSSELL**

**Yves Dastous**

Yves's dedication to volunteering as a soccer coach for over a decade has had a profound impact on numerous players and has inspired future leaders within our community. With nearly 1000 games to his credit, Yves has left an enduring legacy at Suburban FC and local school teams. Beyond the soccer field, he has mentored and trained numerous coaches, shaping them into young leaders who continue to enrich our community.

**Jennifer Roy**

Jennifer embodies the essence of a volunteer and serves as a positive role model to all who have the pleasure of knowing her. Quietly and selflessly dedicating hours of her time, she deflects praise and seeks no recognition for her contributions. Her sole motivation is to make a difference and help others, exemplifying true altruism and humility.

**Prabhjot Singh**

Prabhjot plays a crucial role within the Citizens on Patrol program, maintaining its presence in the community and devoting countless hours to training others. His unwavering commitment to public safety is evident in his dedication and efforts, reflecting his genuine concern for the community's well-being.





## DISTRICT 16

### COUNCILLOR TIM OUTHIT

#### **Farhaj Abdullah Farhan (Youth)**

Farhaj is an inspiring youth leader who actively engages in volunteerism to make a positive impact on his community. Founder and leader of the Pakistani Canadian Association of Nova Scotia (PCANS) Youth Forum, Farhaj empowers local youth to develop leadership skills and address important issues. Farhaj's involvement in initiatives like the 2022 Pakistan Flood Relief Fund demonstrates his commitment to addressing local priorities and inspiring others to get involved.

#### **Hebah Eiman Farhan (Youth)**

Hebah is an outstanding volunteer whose dedication and leadership skills shine in various roles within her school and community. As a founding member of the Charles P Allen High School multicultural club and the Pakistani Canadian Association of Nova Scotia Youth Forum, she fosters inclusivity and provides platforms for youth to showcase their talents and address local challenges. Hebah's involvement in fundraisers, charity activities and advisory councils demonstrates her commitment to making a lasting impact.

#### **Devon Addison Hall (Youth)**

At 17 years old, Devon has committed over 600 hours per year to volunteer for various community charities. She consistently seeks opportunities to positively impact the world, learning about the needs of others and how best to support them. Devon's resilience in difficult times serves as an inspiration to all those around her.

#### **Sarah Mitchell (Youth)**

Sarah's volunteerism at LeBrun Recreation Centre demonstrated her leadership and commitment. She inspired fellow youth leaders and contributed to the success of events like the Community Action Carnival, addressing local priorities such as food insecurity. Sarah's dedication uplifted the organization, motivated staff and benefited the community.

#### **Oluwanifemi M. Owoeye (Youth)**

Nifemi has served Saint Benedict's Parish for over six years and volunteered as a soccer referee and coach, inspiring diverse youth to engage in community service. His inclusive leadership addressed the need for diversity, ensuring everyone felt valued. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Nifemi stepped up to meet local and global needs, exemplifying his commitment to service.

#### **Peter Crowe**

Peter has been the most influential figure in turning the aspirations and dreams of the Suburban Football Club into reality. His transformational leadership and strong desire to support everyone around him have been the fundamental driving forces behind Suburban FC's success. What's most admirable about Peter's impact and influence through his volunteerism is that all his time and efforts are driven by his love of the game and willingness to help others build the best club possible.

#### **Yin (Alex) Li**

Alex is a dedicated community leader, notably serving as Chair of Outreach and Cultural Affairs at the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia (CSNS). He has led initiatives such as the Halifax Chinese New Year Banquet and spearheaded Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Awareness programs. Alex's visionary leadership has left a lasting impact, inspiring proactive community involvement. As the CSNS approaches its 50th anniversary in 2024, Alex's continued dedication will be vital for the community's growth.

#### **Jiaying Qian**

Jiaying's volunteer service spans over a decade, demonstrating exceptional dedication and leadership in two distinct organizations: the Chinese Benevolent Association of Nova Scotia and the Atlantic Canada Ping Pong Association. Her involvement has addressed local priorities and made a lasting impact by providing platforms for cultural preservation, social integration and athletic development, benefiting diverse communities across Nova Scotia.



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



**Marianne Nash**

Marianne, an exceptional volunteer and community leader, recognized a need for a clothing bank on the Eastern Shore and took decisive action. Her initiative, Two Tunics, not only provides essential clothing but has also evolved into a hub of support. Marianne’s leadership inspires others, as evidenced by the 24 volunteers she has recruited and the thousands of individuals she has helped, embodying the spirit of selflessness and service.

## PROVINCIAL AWARD WINNERS

Marianne Nash

Betty Lou Tilley

Andréa Speranza

Steven & Cheryl Sinnott

Elle Viktoria Peters | Youth

Cong Chen

Olivia Lily Liu | Youth

Nicole McDonald

Farhaj Abdullah Farhan | Youth

Hebah Eiman Farhan | Youth

# Group Awards



## CATEGORY 1

### **North End Opportunities Fund Society**

The North End Opportunities Fund (NEOF) Society is a remarkable volunteer group dedicated to providing young people in the North End of Halifax with opportunities they might not otherwise have. Since its launch in 2016, NEOF has demonstrated initiative, leadership and creativity in fundraising through various channels, adapting its application process during the pandemic and working to remove barriers for families. The impact on the community is significant, with hundreds of kids having the chance to attend summer activities, building confidence and positive memories. Their mission exemplifies the transformative power of community-driven initiatives.

## CATEGORY 2

### **Dartmouth Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) Team**

The Health Equipment Loan Program is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who provide essential assistance to individuals recovering from illness or surgery. From client support to equipment maintenance and delivery, these volunteers play a vital role in ensuring access to mobility aids and health equipment. During recent local emergencies (Hurricane Fiona, flooding and wildfires) HELP volunteers demonstrate remarkable adaptability, assisting in evacuations and ensuring residents' comfort. Their compassion, technical skills and dedication make a significant difference in the community.

## CATEGORY 3

### **JL Ilesley High School Indigenous Student Program**

The JL Ilesley Indigenous Student Program is a vital community hub at JL Ilesley High School, uniting Indigenous students and allies. Through initiatives like school supply drives and cultural awareness events, they promote cultural pride and empathy. Their inclusive approach fosters a sense of belonging for all, embodying resilience and generosity. They are a beacon of Indigenous identity and community spirit, inspiring others to embrace their heritage and give back.

