

# BRITISH COLUMBIA ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION

## **Recipients receiving awards on April 24th**

### **Farida Bano Ali, Surrey**

Farida Ali is a leader in BC's Muslim community and a strong advocate for cultural awareness, multifaith dialogue, domestic violence prevention, and refugees and new immigrants. Director of the Multifaith Action Society, Chair of the Women's Council of the BC Muslim Association, Farida has also spearheaded fundraising efforts for VGH and UBC Hospital Foundation's Mental Health Centre.

### **Sue Bauman, Vancouver**

Sue Bauman has served her community with distinction as both a professional and community volunteer in the non-profit sector. For 25 years with Family Services of the North Shore, Sue served as a member of the Board, its Board chair and for six years, its executive director.

### **Richard (Wayne) Beckett, Port Alice**

Wayne Beckett is an exceptionally dedicated resident of the community of Port Alice. A 42 year member of the Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department, Wayne is also active in the Royal Canadian Legion and for many years the Marine Search and Rescue Society.

### **Anne Bethune, North Vancouver**

For more than 28 years, Anne Bethune has been the driving force behind Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports. President since 2005, Anne's volunteer leadership has ensured the organization's successful delivery of adaptive ski/board programs on Grouse, Seymour and Cypress Mountains. As well, Anne has been a leader in instructor development provincially and nationally.

### **Howard Blank, Vancouver**

Howard Blank, a Vancouver business executive in the gaming and entertainment industries, has donated his auctioneering skills to help raise millions of dollars for a wide range of BC's charitable and non-profit organizations. Howard also serves on community boards including Honour House and Variety The Children's Charity.

### **Alexander (Sandy) Burpee, Coquitlam**

Since 1994, Sandy Burpee has been a volunteer in the Tri-Cities advocating for those at risk. The Local Restorative Justice Society, Regional Housing Coalition, Tri-Cities Homelessness and Housing Task Group and SHARE Food Bank are examples of organizations that have benefitted from Sandy's remarkable leadership.

**Pam Craig, Port Alberni**

Pam Craig is a committed voice for literacy in Port Alberni and is now Chair of the Literacy Alberni Society. As a valued community contributor, Pam is also Chair of School District 70 and has volunteered energetically for the Alberni Valley Museum for over 25 years.

**Mavis DeGirolamo, Victoria**

Since 1997, Mavis DeGirolamo has been a passionate volunteer in the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria, promoting cross-cultural awareness and respect for all. Mavis has also volunteered for the Institute of Canadian Citizenship, Black History Awareness Society, and James Bay Community Project.

**Victoria Dobbyn, Roberts Creek**

Victoria Dobbyn is honoured for her 27-year career as executive director with the Sunshine Coast Community Services Society. Victoria was responsible for the Society's dynamic growth to a multi service organization offering 43 programs. Now in retirement, Victoria continues to serve her community with volunteer contributions.

**Louis Druehl, Bamfield**

Dr. Louis Druehl has made significant contributions to Bamfield for more than 40 years. He was instrumental in the establishment of the world famous Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre in 1972. Today, he is an integral member of the Bamfield community as a business owner, editor of the The New Bamfielder and a volunteer on local boards and societies.

**Tanya Fabrichnikova, Vancouver**

Tanya Fabrichnikova has devoted countless volunteer hours to the success of The Attic, a thrift store of Gordon Neighbourhood House in Vancouver's West End. Tanya has led the growth and development of The Attic since 1996, thus ensuring a stable flow of funding while creating the special community hub that it is today.

**Per Gjerde, Surrey**

Per Gjerde's contributions to the Scandinavian Community Centre in Burnaby have been essential to the centre's continuing success. From his leadership in helping to establish the centre, to its ongoing upkeep and improvement and its programs, Per's vision and generosity have made a substantial difference in his Scandinavian community.

**Lawrence Haiducu, Surrey**

An accomplished student up to and including his current medical studies, Lawrence Haiducu is dedicated to his community through volunteerism and innovative ideas to meet the needs of the community. Chair of UBC Medicine's Wellness Initiative Network, founder of a project to educate Grade 10 students about sun protection and a past leader of Harmony in Action, a cultural support group, Lawrence makes a positive impact on the community.

**Judy Jackson, Prince George**

For over 55 years, Judy Jackson has been dedicated to serving Prince George both professionally and as a volunteer. The Prince George Community Foundation, University of Northern BC, Spirit of the North Health Care Foundation, College of New Caledonia, Prince George Chamber of Commerce are organizations that have benefitted from Judy's leadership.

**Jack Keough, Clearwater**

Jack Keough is a respected community builder whose focus is community wellness. Under his leadership as Executive Director of Yellowhead Community Services for the past 20 years, the programs and services he champions have expanded to meet the growing needs of all age groups in the North Thompson region.

**Dr. Jim Kirkpatrick, Victoria**

Dr. Jim Kirkpatrick was instrumental in establishing the BC Eating Disorders Association in 1990. He has worked tirelessly to develop provincewide treatment protocols for adults, adolescents and children. As well, Dr. Kirkpatrick serves as a member of the team of the South Vancouver Island Eating Disorders Program.

**Dr. Robert Krell, Vancouver**

Dr. Robert Krell, a child survivor of the Holocaust, has dedicated his life to anti-racism, anti-Semitism and Holocaust education. He established the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre in 1994, was a pioneer in taping audio visual testimony from Holocaust survivors and helped form child survivor groups.

**Wanda Laughlin, Sointula**

Wanda Laughlin is a key member of the community of Sointula on Malcolm Island, contributing to the cultural, social and economic well-being of the area. Her leadership of the Sointula Recreation Association for the past 42 years demonstrates her drive and passion for her community.

**Darren & Beth Laur, Victoria**

Since 1993, Darren and Beth Laur have presented Internet and Social Media Safety programs to tens of thousands of junior and senior students, teachers, parents and the wider community. Their commitment to providing critical information regarding cyber-bullying and internet safety has had a positive and significant impact.

**Donald Lindsay, Vancouver**

Don Lindsay has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to supporting British Columbia communities. He led the BC Children's Hospital Foundation's successful \$200-million capital campaign to build a new acute care hospital, the largest healthcare not-for-profit initiative ever undertaken in the Province. As President and CEO of Teck Resources Limited, Don has championed many other important causes including BCIT, St. Paul's Hospital, the University of British Columbia and the Vancouver Aquarium.

**Gordon Marks, Anmore**

Since 1998, Gordon Marks has volunteered and grown the sport of Powerchair Football, also known as Powersoccer. The sport is played by individuals in power wheelchairs and parallels the outdoor game of soccer. Coach, referee, development trainer, administrator, board member and fundraiser, Gordon's extraordinary commitment has led to the success of Powerchair Football in British Columbia.

**J. Reid Maxwell, Coquitlam**

Teacher, adjudicator and mentor, Reid Maxwell is one of the top Scottish drummers in the world and is the Lead Drummer of the award winning Simon Fraser University Pipe Band. His innovations, his dedication and his inspirations have made BC and SFU a centre of excellence in pipe band drumming.

**John McLernon, Vancouver (2014)**

Business leader John McLernon is the driving force behind the Streethome Foundation, a community organization that addresses the needs of the homeless in Vancouver. John has chaired the organization since its establishment in 2008. John has also served on numerous city boards including the Vancouver Opera and the Vancouver Foundation.

**Tom Moffat, Quesnel**

Ninety-two year old Tom Moffat is a stellar citizen of the City of Quesnel. From his contributions to the Quesnel and District Museum and Archives and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #94, Tom has ensured that the history of the city and its residents is remembered.

**Emily Molnar, Vancouver**

Under Emily Molnar's artistic direction, Ballet BC has become a successful internationally recognized contemporary ballet company. A visionary artist, Emily also gives generously of her time to teach, mentor and nurture dancers, choreographers and audiences. Emily is a Director of the BC Arts Council and the Artistic Director of Dance at the Banff Centre for the Arts.

**Maryann Ouellet, Kitimat**

Maryann Ouellet is passionate for animal welfare in her community. The leader of the Kitimat Humane Society, Maryann is well known for caring for both wild and domestic animals. Fundraising, helping to draft animal by-laws and the Bear Aware program are examples of Maryann's contributions.

**Karen Pruij, Surrey**

Karen Pruij founded The Princess Project Society in 2009, an initiative that provides Grade 12 students with graduation outfits. A talented organizer, Karen works all year promoting and collecting donations from her community for the benefit of those young people from Delta to Mission who may not otherwise be able to participate in their special evening.

**Dr. Tom Routledge, Coquitlam**

Dr. Tom Routledge is honoured for his volunteer work in designing, developing and implementing the provincial dental identification database. As a forensic odontologist, Dr. Routledge's work, which is unique to British Columbia, supports the BC Coroner's Service and law enforcement agencies with identification.

**Christopher Seguin, Kamloops**

Christopher Seguin is the Vice President of Advancement for Thompson Rivers University. His fundraising and partnership achievements have successfully supported new buildings, research initiatives and student bursaries. In the community, Christopher is involved with the Rotary Club of Kamloops, the Kamloops Marathon, Kamloops Child Hunger Initiative, and the Kamloops Blade Runners.

**Colin Smith, Victoria**

Over many years, Colin Smith has given distinguished service to local, provincial and national boards. Currently he is a board member of the Victoria Airport Authority, 625 Powell Street Foundation, a trustee of the BC Government House Foundation and the national president for the Canadian Society of Senior Engineers. Colin is also vice chair of the Capital Regional District's Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project and a member of Harbourside Rotary Club.

**Agnes Snow, Prince George**

In 2013, Agnes Snow retired as Regional Director of Aboriginal Health for the Northern Health Authority. Agnes' legacy includes the development and improvement of the cultural competency of Northern Health's leaders and staff, the development of Aboriginal health improvement committees and the Aboriginal Patient liaison program.

**Greg Timm, Surrey**

From his leadership of the White Rock Renegades Girls Fastpitch Club to his organization of the Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship and the Women's World Softball Championship to be held in Surrey in 2016, Greg Timm has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the participation of girls and women in the sport of softball.

**Bob Uden, Nanaimo**

For over 33 years, retired physiotherapist Bob Uden has conducted, three times a week at 8am, at no charge, exercise sessions at Nanaimo's Bowen Park Auditorium for those recovering from major heart problems. Bob has donated over 5,000 hours of his expertise to work with his community's cardiac patients.

**Cindy Wilgosh, Clearwater**

Cindy Wilgosh is dedicated to building community capacity to support Aboriginal families in the North Thompson region. She was instrumental in the establishment of the North Thompson Aboriginal Cultural Centre and continues to organize its programs and events. As well, Cindy is active with Aboriginal Engagement Success By 6.

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