

Dr. David Green Awards Nomination Form

Background

Muscular Dystrophy Canada recognizes and celebrates the contributions of individuals and groups who champion our cause with courage, determination, passion and caring. These individuals/groups exhibit extraordinary commitment to work in fundraising, service delivery (education, advocacy, support, information, and equipment), research and creating awareness about neuromuscular disorders. They play an inspirational and essential role in the progress of Muscular Dystrophy Canada's mission to enhance the lives of those affected by neuromuscular disorders by continually working to provide ongoing support and resources while relentlessly searching for a cure through well funded research. They inspire everyone around them to join in and move them towards a fight to find a cure.

The strategic purpose of the Muscular Dystrophy Canada Partner Recognition Program is to recognize excellence, steward our champions and raise the profile of Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

Regional and national awards are given annually to nominees who, in the mind of the Partner Recognition Committee, most exemplify the qualities and excellence that the award was established to honor.

The Muscular Dystrophy Canada Partner Recognition Program has been named in honor of Dr. David Green.

Dr. David Green was one of Muscular Dystrophy Canada's founding members.

Dr. Green's involvement with Muscular Dystrophy Canada was very personal. In the mid-1940s, Dr. Green's son Larry was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). Frustrated that no research was being done in Canada, Dr. Green founded Muscular Dystrophy Canada - then known as the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada - in 1954.

Dr. Green worked tirelessly as a volunteer and Chair of the Board of Directors of Muscular Dystrophy Canada from the early 1950s through 1981, when he was appointed Honorary President. Dr. Green served as Honorary President until 1995. Sadly, Dr. Green passed away on January 4, 2007 at the age of 96. Dr. Green's contributions to the fight for a cure to neuromuscular disorder will always be celebrated and treasured.

The Dr. David Green Awards showcase the contributions of individuals or groups who inspire, motivate and share their commitment with others and foster Muscular Dystrophy Canada's vision, mission and values. These individuals/groups are diverse and come from a broad range of stakeholders – they include youth, health professionals, people with neuromuscular disorders, their families, their extended networks, caregivers, Chapters, volunteers, Fire Fighters, researchers, corporate and media sponsors.

Award winners are chosen for their exemplary excellence! They help create public awareness, and make significant contributions in support of people affected by muscular dystrophy. They mentor, motivate and engage others with their enthusiasm, their dedication and their ability to expand Muscular Dystrophy Canada's mission and vision – to find a cure in our lifetime.

Volunteers and staff from across the country are encouraged to prepare detailed nominations for nominees who they think have best demonstrated the qualities outlined below over the past year or over a period of several years.

Partner Recognition Program Principles

- Always recognize the best of the best
- All award categories can be granted yearly or based on eligible candidates
- Questions provided to selection committees to allow for a fair comparison, including balance between regional and local differences, as well as small, medium and large sized groups.
- Equal balance between volunteer and staff participation on each committee
- Allow for nominations for National awards outside of the regional process. Nominees for National Awards can be selected without being selected as a Regional Award recipient.
- No individual or group can be the recipient of the same award for 2 years in a row within the regional awards category
- If a recipient of a regional award is not selected as the recipient of a national award in the same given year, they can be nominated for a national award in the next year, through the national award nomination process.
- In addition to other volunteers and staff, the Regional Selection Committees will include the Regional Chapter Advisor and a Fire Fighter Advisor.
- In addition to other volunteers and staff, the National Selection Committee will include a member of each of the Chapter Relations Committee and National Fire Fighter Relations Committee.
- Award nominations will be limited to 500 words, to allow for a more fair comparison.
- Regional award winners will not automatically be considered for national awards. The Nominator can select whether applying for recognition at the Regional or National level, or both. The selection and review committee will evaluate the degree to which the nominee meets the criteria. National impact will be a requirement for a national award nominee. To be selected for a National Award, the nominee must have supported the Organization in more than one region, or contributed to a program or service that has been shared with and expanded into another region.

Nominations for the following awards are to be submitted electronically to the Staff contact by April 29th, 2016.

Awards and Criteria

Chapter of the Year Award

Presented to the Muscular Dystrophy Canada Chapter that has demonstrated excellence during the past year in any, or all of the following areas: fundraising, public awareness, services and/or volunteer engagement/development.

Corporate Partner of the Year Award

Presented to a business that has supported Muscular Dystrophy Canada during the past year through direct or indirect financial or human resource contributions.

Courage to Inspire Award

Presented to an individual, or group, that has had an enduring (over a number of years) relationship with Muscular Dystrophy Canada through giving (financial or time) or the organization of a special event. The nominees will have exhibited exceptional contributions to the organization in any of the awards categories. This award is given annually or periodically, based on nominations brought forward.

Dr. George Karpati Award

Presented to an exemplary neuromuscular clinician or researcher who has made a significant contribution to neuromuscular research, the advancement of care of people with neuromuscular disorders, or to Muscular Dystrophy Canada in the areas of public awareness, services and/or fundraising, during the past year.

This award is dedicated in honour of Dr. George Karpati, who passed away suddenly in February 2009. Dr. Karpati was a leading expert in the diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with neuromuscular disorders. He also led a world-class research team at the Montreal Neurological Institute that sought to establish gene transfer techniques for the treatment of muscular dystrophy. Among his many achievements, Dr. Karpati was the first to demonstrate that dystrophin localizes beneath the muscle cell membrane, and that dystrophin is absent in muscle fibres of patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. A devoted friend Muscular Dystrophy Canada, Dr. Karpati was a long-standing volunteer and member of our Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee.

Fire Department of the Year Award

Presented to a Fire Department that has demonstrated overall excellence throughout the past year, in fundraising, public awareness, and/or services.

Fire Fighter of the Year Award

Presented to a Fire Fighter who has demonstrated overall excellence throughout the past year, in areas of public awareness, services, fundraising, and volunteer recruitment.

Fred Shaddick Community Spirit Award

Presented to a group or other community service organization that has had a relationship with Muscular Dystrophy Canada in planning and organizing a third party event during the past year. This award is given annually or periodically, based on nominations brought forward.

Fred Shaddick started the Shads R&R Golf Tournament for the after-market auto parts dealer market. This event has continued since 1973 and has raised over \$3 Million to support the mission of Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

Mary Ann Wickham Award for Volunteer of the Year

Presented to a Muscular Dystrophy Canada volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution during the past year in fundraising, public awareness and/or services.

Mary Ann Wickham was one of Muscular Dystrophy Canada's first volunteers.

As a young nurse, Ms. Wickham initiated a program of direct service for people living with a neuromuscular disorder. Ms. Wickham continued in this service role until 1965 - always on a volunteer basis. In 1965, Muscular Dystrophy Canada hired the first full-time staff person with a mandate to manage and provide a specific range of services for persons and families living with neuromuscular disorders.

Sadly, Mary Ann Wickham passed away on March 28, 2003. Ms. Wickham's contributions to the way Muscular Dystrophy Canada delivers client services will be forever remembered and celebrated.

Media Partner of the Year

Presented to a media provider that has helped to raise the profile of the Muscular Dystrophy Canada brand and spread awareness of neuromuscular disorders during the past year.

Michel Louvain Award for Client/Family of the Year

Presented to an individual with a neuromuscular disorder or a family affected by a neuromuscular disorder who has made an outstanding contribution to Muscular Dystrophy Canada during the past year in fundraising, public awareness and/or services.

Michel Louvain is a French Quebec singer who has been popular in that province ever since the start of his career in the 1960s. Known for his great kindness, generosity and dedication, Mr. Louvain has been an Honorary Chairman of many of Quebec's fundraising campaign, and a volunteer with Muscular Dystrophy Canada for over 20 years. For 12 years, he hosted the Téléthon de la dystrophie musculaire telecast.

Mr. Louvain's commitment to improving the lives of people with neuromuscular disorders will be forever be remembered and celebrated by Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

Nomination Form

*** Deadline for Submission – April 29th, 2016 ***

Category: _____

Regional: National: Both:

Nominee: _____

Contact: _____
(group awards only)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

Awards will be presented based on the quality of nominations. As a nominator, please pay particular attention to how you present the nominee. Please ensure that you provide specific details on their contribution over the last year (April 1st, 2015 – March 31st, 2016).

The 3 questions related to nomination should be written in a manner that the nominee can be presented in 500 words or less (total for all questions combined). Nominations that are longer than 500 words may be disqualified.

Question 1:

Outline how the nominee meets the criteria for the award and supports the mission of Muscular Dystrophy Canada, which is enhance the lives of those affected by neuromuscular disorders by continually working to provide ongoing support and resources while relentlessly searching for a cure through well-funded research.

Please refer to specific examples of their contribution, accomplishments, leadership, commitment, innovative efforts, regional/national impact etc.

To assist you, you might refer to any of these specific areas:

Public awareness: Media articles, radio, & television, community development, awareness activities.

Services: support, information-sharing, advocacy, equipment, education, Chapter development.

Fundraising: Percentage or year over year revenue growth, total dollars raised, dollars raised per population, participation levels and new initiatives.

Research: Years spent on research into neuromuscular disorders, results achieved, awards received, and influence.

Question 2:

Give three reasons why this nominee is particularly deserving this year?

Question 3:

If you feel that this nominee is deserving of national recognition, please outline the impact that the nominee has had at the national level within Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

Submit this nomination electronically to the relevant regional contact person listed below:

Atlantic	Sheila Macoomb	sheila.macoomb@muscle.ca
Québec	Marie-Helene Bolduc	marie-helene.bolduc@muscle.ca
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