

North Simcoe Muskoka Hospice Palliative Care Network

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NSM Hospice Volunteer Recognition Awards: Call for Nominations

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

~ Leo Buscaglia

Eligibility: Volunteer Recognition Awards are given to an exemplary hospice palliative care volunteers with hospice programs within the North Simcoe Muskoka Region. There are two distinct streams for these awards: (A) support volunteers¹ and (B) community volunteers².

Characteristics: The Award highlights the importance of volunteerism in the hospice palliative care work in our region. The nominee(s) should be someone who has displayed the values and principles of hospice palliative care within their work as a volunteer with a local hospice. Key characteristics might include:

- Compassion
- Passion for hospice palliative care
- Demonstrates Social Inclusion of All
- Personal warmth, strength of character
- Accountable & committed
- Generous of Spirit
- Improves the quality of life of individuals & families
- Embraces teamwork and community partnerships
- Displays cultural humility
- Demonstrates an approach to care that embodies dignity of personhood, respect and hope

Selection Process: North Simcoe Muskoka (LHIN 12) has six hospice programs within its region: Hospice Muskoka, Hospice Huntsville, Hospice Georgian Triangle, Hospice Orillia, Hospice Simcoe and Hospice Huronia. Each Hospice will determine their own procedure for selecting their award (nominees or candidates).

Award winners will be determined annually during National Volunteer Week.

These awards will be presented annually at the NSM Regional Conference. Nominees will be notified prior to the annual conference.

*** Please note: The name of the award winner will be published on the NSMHPCN website and in other NSMHPCN materials, unless we receive notification otherwise.*

Signed Nominations to be submitted to:

The Hospice Volunteer Recognition Award

By Mail: NSMHPCN, 169 Front Street South, Orillia, ON, L3V 4S8

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¹ **Support Volunteers** include, but are not limited to those who provide support to client programming through volunteer tasks such as: fundraising, kitchen/food prep, reception, administration, housekeeping, communications, maintenance, public relations, Board of Directors representative, etc.

² **Community Volunteers** are those who provide direct support to individuals and families as visiting in-home volunteers, day program facilitators, bereavement support group facilitators or peer-to-peer supports. This may also include vigil