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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR VOLUNTEER HALL OF FAME

ST. JOHN'S, NL – The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Newfoundland and Labrador announced today that nominations are now open for the 2017 Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Hall of Fame Awards.

The Volunteer Hall of Fame was launched in 2012 by The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Newfoundland and Labrador with the goal of honouring, documenting and recognizing the significant efforts of those in our community who have made long-standing volunteer efforts. Each year, inductees are honoured at an Awards Gala celebrating their extraordinary volunteer achievements. This gala event not only serves to honour some of our province's most outstanding volunteers, but also raises much needed funds to support The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Charlie Stacey, Chair of the Volunteer Hall of Fame, says of the initiative "Not only does it serve to recognize the tremendous amount of volunteer work that individuals and organizations are doing in our province, but it also makes an important connection for the youth in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards program."

The Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Hall of Fame will be accepting nominations from **February 1-April 3**. Following the close of nominations, a selection committee will review applications and inductees for 2017 will be announced during National Volunteer Week, which takes place from April 23-29, 2017. Inductees will be awarded at the Volunteer Hall of Fame gala, which is scheduled to take place later in the year.

"Volunteers make an enormous difference in the lives of so many people in our community each and every day," says The Honourable Edward Roberts, Chair of the Volunteer Hall of Fame Selection Committee. "The Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Hall of Fame proudly acknowledges exceptional individuals each year who are outstanding examples of community spirit and selfless giving."

Information regarding the nomination process, selection criteria and past inductees of The Volunteer Hall of Fame can be found at www.volunteerhalloffame.ca or by contacting The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award office at 709-753-0423.



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