

**2017 PREMIER'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS****Ernie Didur**

Winnipeg / Individual Category

Didur, along with five other individuals, founded the Purple Martin Club in 1980. In partnership with other club members, he has undertaken many projects for the survival of the Purple martin including establishing a newsletter, fundraising for the club, erecting Purple martin towers across Manitoba and educating the public about the Purple martin.

**Sylvia Dziver**

Elphinstone / Individual Category

Nominated by Bev Leganchuk, Elphinstone

Dziver was born and raised in Elphinstone, and is actively involved in many areas of volunteerism in the community including hanging flower baskets and Christmas decorations, organizing the Terry Fox Run, acting as secretary for the hall committee, organizing hall walking, assisting the local fire department, and maintaining the corner park as well as securing finances to erect the Lord Elphinstone plaque.

**Raymond Ngarboui**

Winnipeg / Individual Category

Nominated by Amy Henderson, Winnipeg

Ngarboui has spent countless hours volunteering toward newcomer integration and many other important causes in his community. He is a member on a number of boards including the Immigrant Integration Farming Community Co-op, Supporting Employment and Economic Development Winnipeg, and Knox Church Trustees. Since his arrival in Canada as a refugee in 2006, he has devoted his time to ensuring newcomers have the social supports, education, and healthy food they need.

**Lorne Schram**

Pinawa / Individual Category

Nominated by Gisèle Smith, Pinawa

Schram has lived and volunteered in the community of Pinawa since the 1970s. Upon his retirement from teaching, he increased the amount of time he devotes to volunteering activities such as Pinawa's congregate meal program, the annual community triathlon, the provincial Cross Country Ski Loppet and a variety of other sporting events.

### **Kay Slobodzian**

Dauphin / Individual Category

Nominated by Don Prestayko, Dauphin

Slobodzian has long been a very active volunteer in the RM of Dauphin and surrounding areas. She is very involved with the Cross of Freedom, an internationally known heritage site, and worked with council to erect a granite cross to replace the original wooden cross that had rotted away. She has spent countless hours fundraising for the Trembowla site in the RM of Dauphin including having the first Ukrainian Church built in Canada and the Trembowla School moved to the site. Additionally, Slobodzian and other volunteers have made tens of thousands of perogies for sale with all funds going to preserve Ukrainian heritage.

### **Sarah Campbell**

Winnipeg / Youth Category

Nominated by Angela Kaiser, J.H. Bruns Collegiate, Winnipeg

Campbell has been the J.H. Bruns' ambassador for the Canadian Blood Services, instrumental in the creation of *The Voice*, an annual publication of student creative work, and involved with SHOW (Students Helping Our World) since she was in Grade 9. Additionally, Campbell has dedicated many hours to her school's sports council in various capacities. As a member of Ambassador program since 2015, she welcomes new students and newcomers, conducts peer tutoring, and her involvement in arm knitting with Alex's Scarves has seen her contribute over 50 of more than 400 scarves donated to Siloam Mission, the Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg, and to Syrian newcomers.

### **Cameron Krisko**

Winnipeg / Youth Category

Nominated by Wayne Shimizu, Manitoba SwimAbility, Winnipeg

Krisko has been involved since the age of 18 with an organization that provides one-on-one swimming lessons to children with special needs. He was instrumental in bringing the swimming program 'Making Waves Canada' to Winnipeg in 2011 and serves as the founder and president of the organization. Krisko continues to volunteer for SwimAbility Winnipeg as well as a coach for St. Paul's High School hockey team. He also serves meals at Lighthouse Mission, was a volunteer track and field coach, and served on the board of directors for Special Olympics Manitoba.

### **ArtsJunktion**

Winnipeg / Community Group

Nominated by Julie Kettle, ArtsJunktion, Winnipeg

The ArtsJunktion MB Inc. is a community-based, charitable organization committed to redistributing reusable materials at no charge. Since ArtsJunktion's incorporation in 2007, it has grown from a 'repurposing' dream into an organization with over 2,300 members, has its own depot space in the heart of Winnipeg's Exchange District and currently has 52 dedicated volunteers.

### **L'Arche Winnipeg Tova Café**

Winnipeg / Community Group

Nominated by Liz Gauthier, volunteer co-ordinator, Winnipeg

L'Arche Tova Café offers employment opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities. The organization was established in 2012 by L'Arche Winnipeg and is supported by volunteers from a variety of backgrounds and abilities. At the L'Arche Tova Café, adults work and volunteer together with special attention to the value of respect while furthering the organization's goal of building a more compassionate society, one cup of coffee at a time.

### **Ste. Agathe Community Development Inc.**

Ste. Agathe / Community Category

Nominated by Amber Mamchuk, director of recreation services, Municipality of Richot

Ste. Agathe Community Development Inc. (CDI) is comprised of a group of community volunteer leaders who have created a vibrant community with opportunities for employment, development and recreation. Since the 1980s, the CDI has undertaken the role of community development for the town of Ste. Agathe and following the 1997 flood, the CDI played a key role in the new dike alignment, resulting in substantial residential, commercial and recreation growth.