

Robin Bellamy
2008 Recipient
Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Business owner and Saskatoon School Board trustee Robin Bellamy has worked hard to improve the lives of those less fortunate. Through work with several community agencies he has reached out to help people of all ages but his most enduring commitment remains to the children in his community. His contributions to community life also include:

- Founder and Chair, Saskatoon City Wide Food Drive
- Founding Member, Riversdale Community Police Centre
- Board Member, Saskatoon Family Services
- Board Member, Circle Drive Care Home
- Executive Director, Saskatoon Friendship Inn
- Member, Mayor's Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Committee on Homelessness
- Volunteer for Teen Challenge, Tamara House
- Founding member, Egadz Youth Centre
- Board Member, Habitat for Humanity, Child Hunger and Education Program
- Founding member, Marriage Encounter, Warsaw, Poland
- Founding member, Stepping Stones School in Cebu, Philippines
- Founding member of various feeding programs and micro businesses in Cebu, Philippines
- Hockey, baseball and soccer coach
- Soccer commissioner
- Awarded: Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, Canada 125 Commemorative Medal

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Saskatoon

Beth Ell
2008 Recipient
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Beth Ell grew up in Kelvington and began volunteering at a young age. She has enhanced the quality of life of many people through her endeavours. She spends countless hours fundraising for and running many programs, events and parties for underprivileged and sick children in Regina, where she now lives. Her dedication and obvious conviction in the causes she supports always attracts new members. She has served her community in the following ways:

- President, Hospital Auxiliaries of Saskatchewan
- President, Vice-President and Secretary, Pasqua Hospital Auxiliary
- Volunteer, Pasqua Hospital Auxiliary gift shop
- Fundraiser, helping to raise over \$1 million for the Hospitals of Regina Foundation
- Organizer for the Hospital Auxiliaries National Convention in Regina
- Volunteer, Pasqua Hospital children's ward
- Board Member and Volunteer, Souls Harbour Rescue Mission and Executive Member of the Women's Auxiliary Rescue Mission (W.A.R.M)
- Volunteer, Sears Canada, fundraising for children's parties, barbeques and other events
- Volunteer, SGI, Roughrider Days, Classic Curling events, school pizza and chilli days
- Awarded: CTV Citizen of the Year, 2008

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Regina

John Ford
2008 Recipient
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Retired farmer John Ford is a dedicated support of all things “community.” He has been described as the “go to” guy for the small town of Gray. If there is an event being planned or a project that needs doing, he will be at the centre of it. He has spent a lifetime caring for both the town rink and the school, making sure they remain attractive, safe, and accessible for everyone. His involvement cultivates young volunteers and community participants to ensure the vitality of the rink and the town. His contributions include:

- Member of the Royal Canadian Army, Electric Mechanical Engineers, 4th Division, Transport Reinforcement, serving overseas from 1943-1945
- Volunteer, ice maker at Gray Community Rink since 1936
- Volunteer, rink operations, concession operator, facility management and fundraising
- Volunteer, maintaining school and church yard; mowing watering, weeding, tree planting and ball diamond repairs
- Constructing wooden sidewalks on the school yard
- Volunteer, fundraising dinners and breakfasts
- Lobbyist and volunteer, bringing piped water to the village
- Recognized by the RBC Hockey Leader Program in 2007

Telephone: (306) 738-4704 Gray

Ajay Krishan, Q.C.
2008 Recipient
Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Prince Albert Lawyer, Ajay Krishan, has given his time and energy freely for the betterment of his community. He has helped bring major events to his community including the Saskatchewan and Western Canada Games, and he has played a vital role in the development of new sporting facilities, helping to improve the quality of life for youth and sports. His contributions include:

- Fundraising Chairman for the Prince Albert Field House/Soccer Centre that raised over \$5.4 million towards the Centre which will open in the fall of 2009
- Chairman, 1992 Saskatchewan Summer Games, leaving a legacy of the Harry Jerome Track, Andy Zwack Baseball Field and the Summer Games Centre
- Special Advisor, 1999 Western Canada Summer Games Board of Directors
- Special Advisor, Highnoon Optimist Centre for Indoor Soccer and Gymnastics
- Past President and Lifetime Member, Highnoon Optimist Club of Prince Albert
- Past President, Prince Albert Kinsmen Club
- Telemiracle 29 Corporate Committee Member
- Founding Board Member, Prince Albert and Area Community Foundation
- Past Indoor Director, Prince Albert Winter Festival
- Co-Chair, Churchill Regional Figure Skating Competition
- Chairman, Carlton Grad 2007 Committee
- Past Board Member, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association
- Past President, Prince Albert Bar Association
- Awarded: Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, Canada 125 Commemorative Medal, Prince Albert's Citizen of the Year, Highnoon Optimist Key Man of the Year on two occasions, Prince Albert's Top 100 Persons, as part of the City's Centennial Celebrations, Kinsmen of the Year Award, Community Spirit Award

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Prince Albert

Camille I. Ross-Bell
2008 Recipient
Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Camille Ross-Bell has had tremendous impact as a Francophone community leader in Gravelbourg and many other areas. She promotes French-Canadian heritage and culture through participation in French cultural folklore dance. Her dedication to her dance troupe has led them to performances at many other festivals and events throughout Saskatchewan, Quebec and abroad. A founding member of the first Francophone school in the province, she has been a key figure, fundraising and championing for Francophone schools and education in Saskatchewan. Her contributions include:

- Founder, Board Member and Artistic Director, *Les Danseurs de la Rivière la Vieille*, 1981 to present
- Founding Member of the first Francophone School
- Member of the School Council and fundraiser for *École Beau Soleil*
- Founder, fundraiser and outreach coordinator for *Les Feux de Prairie*, francophone children's dance
- Board Member and fundraiser, *Fondation du Collège Mathieu*, Gravelbourg
- Scout Leader of the Francophone Scouts-Scouts Francophone Marcel Moor de Gravelbourg
- Associate Member, Royal Canadian Legion, linking the Legion with the school for Remembrance Day programs
- Choir Member, *Co-Cathedral Notre Dame de l'Assomption*
- Organizer for the *Les Danseurs de la Rivière la Vieille* 25th anniversary reunion and organizer for the Folk Fusion celebration for the 100th anniversary of the town of Gravelbourg
- Organizer for the biannual folkdance workshops for adults and week long school workshops for the immersion and francophone schools in southwest Saskatchewan

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Gravelbourg

Ken Sagal
2008 Recipient
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Ken Sagal from Regina has demonstrated outstanding commitment to cultural growth in Saskatchewan. This commitment was fundamental to the successful restructuring of the Saskatchewan Council of Cultural Organizations into SaskCulture. He has since helped build a partnership between SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Arts Board. From supporting cultural development at the local level to participation on many provincial boards, his leadership ensures that everyone in Saskatchewan has the opportunity to actively celebrate their culture and heritage. He has served his community and province in the following ways:

- President, Saskatchewan Library Association
- President and Board Member, SaskCulture and Saskatchewan Council of Cultural Organizations
- Member, Past Presidents Committee, Saskatchewan Council of Cultural Organizations
- Chair, Vice-Chair, Board Member, Saskatchewan Arts Board
- Chair, Board member, Moose Jaw Public and Palliser Regional Library Boards
- Board member, Moose Jaw Heritage Advisory Committee, instrumental in developing the Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery
- Board Member, Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association
- Board Member, Association of Canadian Community Colleges International Advisory Committee
- Member, SaskSport Inc, Aboriginal Funding Review Committee
- Member, Association of Canadian Community Colleges International Advisory Committee
- Awarded: Saskatchewan Centennial Medal

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Regina

Maurice Taylor
2008 Recipient
Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Maurice Taylor's leadership and volunteerism has reached every level of public service and has encompassed health, education community building, art and music. Tisdale Mayor and Councillor for over two decades, he was instrumental in the development of the RECplex, which houses the school, library, health district offices, curling and hockey rinks, a target range, preschool and auditorium. He is responsible for the musical ministry at St. Paul's United Church and has been the accompanist for many community events, festivals and theatre shows. He has assisted several fundraising endeavours for local musicians and supports the visual arts by organizing workshops for visiting artists and the spring art show. His contributions include:

- Mayor and Councillor, Town of Tisdale
- Board Chair and Member, Tisdale Board of Education
- Chair of the Tisdale College Board
- Chair, Tisdale Homecoming Committee, 2005
- Chair and Vice-Chair, Cumberland Regional Board of Directors
- Chair, fundraising committee for a computer radiography unit at Tisdale Hospital
- Member, Tisdale Health Board and Tisdale Union Hospital Board
- Trustee, Board Chair and Treasurer, St. Paul's Church, volunteering on the Special Gifts Committee
- Board Member, Association of Saskatchewan Regional Colleges
- Associate Member, Royal Canadian Legion
- Artist and Executive Member, Tisdale Visual Artists Club
- Organized the Taylor Made Men's Choir
- Executive Member, Tisdale Lions Junior Band
- Tisdale Performing Arts centre named in his honour
- Awarded: Saskatchewan Centennial Medal; Citizen of the Century

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Tisdale

Courtney Vaudner
2008 Recipient
Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Courtney Vaudner from Melville has made immeasurable contributions to his school, community and profession. Serving on countless committees for education and curriculum studies, he works to enrich the educational experience of students in his community, and throughout the province. He has coached many sports teams, and supports local theatre by directing an annual dinner theatre production for over 30 years. His contributions to his community and province include:

- President, Melville Teachers' Association
- Councillor, Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
- Chair, Regional Economic Development Agency, South Parkland Region
- Alderman, Melville
- City representative, Melville Chamber of Commerce Board
- Chair, Melville Comprehensive School Community Council
- Vice-Chair, Skateboard Park Committee
- Vice-Chair, Melville 100th Anniversary Committee
- Member, Professional Development Advisory Committee for the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
- Member, Melville Saskatchewan Centennial Committee, Melville Tourism Committee, Melville Regional Park Board and Melville Rail Station Heritage Association
- Member, St. Peter's Hospital Board and Melville Communiplex Steering Committee and Fundraising Committee
- Member, Charter Member, Melville Agri-Park and Melville Country Club
- Advisor, Rotary Model United Nations
- Member of the Masons, Knight Templars, Shriners, and Elks
- Awarded: Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence; Rotary Club Youth Award; Canada Celebrate 88 Certificate of Merit; East Central District Coaching Commendation; Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association Service Award; Melville Citizen of the Year; Exalted Ruler, Melville Elks

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