

Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal 2020 Recipients

Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Robert Cade, CD (posthumous) (Regina)

Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Robert Cade led a life of service through his career in the Canadian Forces and as a dedicated volunteer. He served as past president and honorary life governor of the South Saskatchewan Division Corps of Commissionaires, past president and Director of Ceremonies at St. John Ambulance, national president of the Canadian Infantry Association National Council, and was a past president of the Royal Regina Rifles Trust Fund and former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. Other organizations to which Robert gave his time include the Royal United Services Institute, Order of Armisticians, National Army Honorary Colonels' Advisory Board, Regina Officers' Mess, Saskatchewan Army Cadet League and the Federation of United Services Institutes of Canada. Robert also served as Aide-de-Camp for three Lieutenant Governors, including Principal Aide-de-Camp for two Lieutenant Governors.

Anne Chase (Regina)

As a volunteer, advocate and survivor, Anne Chase has spent the last 17 years devoted to women and families who are dealing with ovarian cancer. Anne founded the Saskatchewan Ovarian Cancer Survivors support group, served three terms on the Ovarian Cancer Canada board of directors and serves on the provincial Patient Family Advisory Council. She has been instrumental in fundraising events such as the Walk of Hope and the Ladyballs Show and Tell; she also advocated to have five gynecologists between Regina and Saskatoon. Perhaps her most notable contribution is the countless hours she has spent providing one-on-one support by accompanying women to appointments or lending support in person or over the telephone.

Peggy George (Melfort)

Described as a professional volunteer, Peggy George devotes a great deal of time and energy to her community. As Chair of the North Central Healthcare Foundation, Peggy has been instrumental in raising over \$500,000 for medical imaging upgrades for the Melfort Hospital. More recently, she found a way for the hospital gift shop to open during the 2020 Christmas season, after it had to be closed during the pandemic. Peggy was also a driving force in bringing the Communities in Bloom program to Melfort. She is a board member of the Melfort United Church and a long-time volunteer with the Melfort Mustangs Booster Club.

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Derek Harrison (Fort Qu'Appelle)

Derek Harrison has been a consistent and dedicated volunteer in the community of Fort Qu'Appelle his entire life. A charter member of the Lions Club formed in 1961, Derek served on the executive board for many years, including two terms as president. Derek delivered Meals on Wheels for 30 years, ensuring those facing food insecurity in his town had access to hot meals. He often volunteered to drive local seniors to medical appointments in Regina. For over 70 years, Derek has played the organ for St. John's Anglican Church, acting as the choir director for many of those years. Derek is a core volunteer at the Fort Qu'Appelle museum, sharing his knowledge and love of his hometown with visitors.

Ken Hartz (Bradwell)

As former Mayor of Bradwell, not only is Ken Hartz a leader in his community, he is also a dedicated volunteer. As a member of the Elks, he has served as president of his lodge, organized several curling and golf tournaments and was instrumental in organizing a "Chase the Ace" fundraiser. He organized fundraisers to repair the roof of the Bradwell Curling rink and for a new playground in the town. Ken serves as the chief and a trainer for the Bradwell Volunteer Fire Department. He also donates any salary he receives as chief back to the fire department. For over 30 years, Ken volunteered as a medical first responder with the Bradwell first responder group. Ken also selflessly takes on projects such as spraying for weeds, mowing or setting traps for skunks or raccoons.

Eileen Herman (Qu'Appelle)

Eileen Herman has been a devoted volunteer in the town of Qu'Appelle for decades. She has been a member of Girl Guides of Canada for 37 years and has served as a commissioner at the district, division and area levels. She has volunteered for over 50 camps and has been the Guider-in-Charge for 22 of them. Eileen has organized the Community Birthday Calendar for many years, with proceeds going to the Girl Guides. Eileen was treasurer for the local library board for 20 years and served as interim librarian when needed. Eileen is also active with the Anglican Church as treasurer and president of the women's group. Additionally, Eileen is a founder of the Qu'Appelle Historical Society and has volunteered with Earthwatch in various countries, helping tabulate statistics for scientific conservation projects.

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Frank McDougall (Saskatoon)

Frank McDougall has made significant contributions to the areas of archeology, geology and paleontology in Saskatchewan through his extraordinary volunteerism. He devoted his time and expertise to the excavation of Scotty, the world's largest T-Rex and one of Saskatchewan's provincial emblems. Frank has been a volunteer and member of the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society (SAS) for over 40 years. Frank freely provides his knowledge of geology and archaeology to the general public. Frank is a prolific contributor to SAS's magazine and its Paleo Corner column. Notably, Frank spent 1,800 hours digitizing and cataloging information for SAS. Frank has also given his time and expertise to the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

Jean de Dieu Ndayahundwa (Regina)

Jean de Dieu Ndayahundwa has devoted a large part of the last ten years to volunteering in Francophone and African communities within the Queen City. He was a board member of Association canadienne-française de Régina (ACFR) and served on the management committee for the francophone community school spaces (Carrefour des Plaines) for over nine years. He was a member of Comité consultatif en matière d'affaires francophones. He is a founder and leader of the Collectif des parents inquiets et préoccupés (CPIP) and successfully reached a Memorandum of Understanding with the provincial government to build a new French school in Regina by 2023. Jean de Dieu is a founder and president of the Burundian Community of Regina Inc., which welcomes and supports newcomers originally from Burundi to Canada. He is a board member of the Fondation fransaskoise. He also volunteers with the Rwandese Community of Regina, the African Canadian Resource Network Saskatchewan Inc., the Francothon and many other organizations and events.

Leela Sharma (Saskatoon)

Leela Sharma is a dynamic volunteer who is devoted to helping newcomers to Saskatchewan. She has been an active volunteer with the Hindu Society of Saskatchewan since 1983, having served as president for two years. She has also served as pavilion manager for Saskatoon Folkfest and co-chair of the Hindu Temple expansion committee. She mobilized the Hindu Society to support the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre. Leela has also volunteered for 30 years with the India Canada Cultural Association. She is the host of a weekly radio program "Sangeetmala" on CFCR 90.5. Leela is also a board member of the Multi-Faith Saskatchewan Board.

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Lorraine Silzer (Assiniboia)

Lorraine Silzer has given 26 years of continual volunteering to the Assiniboia & District Historical Museum, recently stepping down from her role as a board member. Lorraine has also made contributions as a researcher. Over the years, she has restored abandoned and neglected showcases for museum use and assisted with fundraisers. Lorraine rarely missed her weekly commitment to volunteer. Organizations such as the Assiniboia & District Historical Museum only exist with the dedication of volunteers such as Lorraine. She also volunteered with her church, assisting with banquets and fundraisers and was a member of the choir.

Richard Strayer (Saskatoon)

Richard (Dick) Strayer volunteers his time and talents to many community organizations. He was a member of the Saskatoon Nutana Rotary Club for 50 years. In that time, he was instrumental in organizing Meals on Wheels and a city-wide walk marathon to support the YMCA facility in Saskatoon. Through the Rotary club, Dick also collaborated with the city to develop the Beaver Creek Conservation Area. Dick was a board member of the Saskatoon Council on Aging for six years, where during his 22 years of service he developed the first guide for caregivers. For 15 years, he played the organ for services at Stensrud Lodge Special Care Home. Dick is a former president of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan. He was also a long-time board member and president of Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition, and a board member and president of the Saskatoon Board of Trade (now Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce).

Bernice Woolhouse (Assiniboia)

Bernice Woolhouse has been a devoted and enthusiastic volunteer of the Assiniboia & District Historical Museum for almost 30 years. As a former board member, she played a key role in planning and building the museum's current facility. Bernice has developed and set up many of the displays over the years. She has also enhanced the military portion of the exhibit by securing a navy uniform and a mannequin. She has assisted with many fundraisers for the museum such as a 'Christmas throughout the World' event, a Fall Car Show and Shine and numerous barbeques. The museum has thrived because of the dedication of volunteers such as Bernice.