



ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

2024

STARFISH SPIRIT AWARD



Created in 2015, this award recognizes the caring spirit, commitment, and dedication to making a significant impact on the quality of life of many individuals within the Indigenous Community.

It is awarded annually to an individual who has demonstrated the above values in their everyday life and their work for the people.

The Starfish Award was inspired by this Starfish story:

Making A Difference

An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean. "Why do you bother?" the old man scoffed. "You're not saving enough to make a difference". The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back to the water. "Made a difference to that one," he said.

Past Recipients

- Bryanna Leeder (2023)
- Angela Naveau (2019)
- Conrad Prince (2018)
- Michelle Gentle (2017)
- Elaine Lee (2016)
- Marilyn Wright (2015)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Active participation in the development of the Indigenous community
- A significant contribution to the Indigenous community and/or to De dwa da dehs nye>s
- Demonstrates a caring spirit and dedication to significantly impacting the quality of life of individuals and the overall Indigenous community. An individual or a team who:
 - Has gone above and beyond to make a significant impact on the support, care, and delivery of health care for the Indigenous Community.
 - An exemplary team player or team.
 - Has made some significant contributions and positive impact on the culture of De dwa da dehs nye>s.
 - Has moved the organization forward in a meaningful way (example: by nurturing relationships; inspiring colleagues, clients, patients, or residents; and demonstrating a high level of integrity and compassion).
 - Lives out De dwa da dehs nye>s values of "taking care of each other amongst ourselves."
 - Exceeds patient/participant expectations and/or engages in exemplary behavior, such as volunteerism or acts of heroism.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Created in 2015, this award recognizes the significance of partnerships that further the vision, goals, and success of De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre.

It is awarded annually to an organization or community group which has helped achieve the goals of De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre through outstanding collaboration in support of urban Indigenous community members.

Past Recipients

- Faisal Khawaja (2023)
- Michael G. DeGroote Pain Clinic (2019)
- City of Hamilton (2018)
- Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (2017)
- CHOICES (2016)
- Indigenous Health Network - formerly known as Aboriginal Health Network (2015)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- An individual, organization or community group that has shown an outstanding commitment to collaboration, resulting in service or support to the Indigenous community.
- The contribution should include specific collaboration in program or policy activities with community-based impact.
- The partnership:
 - brings Indigenous communities together in an innovative way and is cross-sectoral.
 - contributes to advancing health or health research, improving the health of the Indigenous community.
 - developing more effective health services and products or strengthening the Indigenous healthcare system(s).
 - demonstrates results that would not have been achieved by individual partners acting alone.
 - exhibits mutual trust, respect, and commitment, including positive communication and mechanisms for continuous improvement, and sharing credit among all partners for the partnership's accomplishments
 - maximizes the strengths and assets of each partner, ultimately strengthening all partner organizations.

WALTER COOKE WISDOM KEEPER AWARD

Created in 2015, this award recognizes the significant and continuous service to the Indigenous Community of an Individual who consistently demonstrates The Seven Grandfather Teachings, The Good Mind, and Traditional Ways of Knowing and Being.

It is awarded annually to an individual who has demonstrated the above values in their everyday life and their work for the people.

Past Recipients

- Kelly Jonathan (2023)
- Dr. Janet Smylie (2019)
- Stacey Laforme (2018)
- P.R. Hill (2017)
- Renee Tomas Hill (2016)
- Walter Cooke (2015)



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nominees should have demonstrated at least three of the following, over a period of years:

- Significant, remarkable, and continuous service to the Indigenous Community
- Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility, Truth
- Integrity, generosity of spirit, and collaboration
- Has the willingness to share their Traditional knowledge freely and openly in a way that benefits and promotes the healing of the Indigenous Community.
- Teaches and practices cultural and traditional values, customs, and knowledge
- Volunteers in community organizations and groups
- Promotes a healthy lifestyle
- Teaches and interacts with youth.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD

Created in 2017, this award recognizes the contributions of an organization to support the increase quality of life of our local Indigenous community.

It is awarded to an organization or community group whose generosity and support the increase quality of life for our local Indigenous community.

Past Recipients

- Save the Children and PVH (2019)
- E.D Smith (2017)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- An individual, organization, or community group that has shown an outstanding act of generosity, resulting in services or support to our Indigenous Community.
- The contribution should include a specific impact in program or policy activities with community-based impact.
- The contributions should advance the quality of life of our local Indigenous Community.

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Deadline to Submit: April 15th, 2024
Submit to: gala@dahac.ca



For which award are you nominating this person/group/partnership:

Starfish Award

Community Social
Responsibility Award

Walter Cooke Wisdom
Keeper Award

Partnership
Award

■ Nominee Information (the candidate you are nominating)

Name of
Nominee

Address

Phone Number

City

Province

Postal code

E-Mail

■ Eligibility Criteria: Please complete the following adding additional pages as required

1. Name of the individual/group and provide a description of what they do:

2. Describe, in detail, the reason you are nominating this individual for this award:

3. Describe the community impact this person/group/partnership has had in support of the Indigenous community.

4. Please attach at least 2 references. Optional Information, labeled with the Nominee's return address and name, may be included with the nomination. Please indicate type and the number of optional information below:

Reference:

Photos:

Press Clippings:

Other:
(specify)

■ Nominator Information

Name

Address

Phone Number

City

Province

Postal code

E-Mail

Signature

Date