

**Canada's high performing non-profit organizations  
recognized today at the Donner Awards**  
\$70,000 Donner Awards promote excellence in the sector

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**Toronto** - Canada's top performing non-profit agencies were recognized today at the eighth annual Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services (Donner Awards).

A total of \$70,000 in awards was presented in Toronto at an event attended by The Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Community Living Campbellford/Brighton (Campbellford, Ontario) and the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada—Calgary Chapter (Calgary, Alberta) shared the prestigious \$20,000 William H. Donner Award for Excellence, which is awarded to the highest performer overall.

The Calgary Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada was also presented with the second annual Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-Profit Management. This \$5,000 award is presented to a non-profit organization with a consistent record of excellence and innovation in management and service delivery.

Ten organizations shared \$45,000 in category awards. The award recipients were selected based on a ranking of their performance in ten key areas, including management and governance, the use of staff and volunteers, innovation, program cost, and outcome monitoring.

This year, 842 applications were received for the Donner Awards from 652 different organizations, from 317 different communities in all 10 provinces and 2 territories.

With total revenues of \$1.4 billion, these organizations enlisted the help of 20,962 FTE (full-time equivalent) staff and 52,883 FTE volunteers to deliver 107 million hours of programming to over 2.6 million clients last year.

The \$20,000 William H. Donner Award for Excellence was shared between two exceptional organizations.

**Community Living Campbellford/Brighton** was founded in 1960 by a parent who believed her daughter's disability should not preclude her from full participation in her community. Their Family Home program offers a community-based alternative to high-cost, segregated housing models such as group homes and other institutional settings.

To provide this program, Community Living Campbellford/Brighton matches the skills and characteristics of volunteer home providers with the interests and needs of the people they will be supporting.

Established in 1959, the **Calgary Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada** provides services for almost 1,000 clients and their families in the Calgary area and has grown from a small volunteer organization providing self-help groups to becoming the Society's largest chapter in Canada.

The staff and volunteers are intensely focused on making the organization a leader in finding a cure for multiple sclerosis and enabling those affected by MS to enhance their quality of life.

### **The 2005 Donner Award recipients**

- **William H. Donner Award for Excellence** (joint award recipients): Community Living Campbellford/Brighton (Campbellford, Ontario) and the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada—Calgary Chapter (Calgary, Alberta)
- **Alternative Education:** Sarnia Lambton Rebound (Sarnia, Ontario)
- **Child Care Services:** The Children's Garden Nursery School (Pembroke, Ontario)
- **Counselling Services:** Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (Sudbury, Ontario)
- **Crisis Intervention:** Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Centre of BC (Vancouver, BC)
- **Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse:** Simon House Residence Society (Calgary, Alberta)
- **Provision of Basic Necessities:** Vancouver Meals Society—A Loving Spoonful (Vancouver, BC)
- **Services for People with Disabilities** (joint award recipients): Community Living Campbellford/Brighton (Campbellford, Ontario) and the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada—Calgary Chapter (Calgary, Alberta)
- **Services for Seniors:** Hospice Saint John and Sussex, (Saint John, New Brunswick)
- **Traditional Education:** John Knox Christian School (Oakville, Ontario)

### **The Non-Profit Performance Report**

Profiles of these and other high performing agencies, as well as a discussion of the performance criteria used to rank them, are published in the [2005 Non-Profit Performance Report](#), an analysis based on the results of the annual Donner Awards.

## **About the Donner Awards**

Administered by The Fraser Institute on behalf of the Donner Canadian Foundation, the Donner Awards were established in 1998 to recognize and encourage best practices in non-profit management and to increase public confidence and support for Canada's non-profit sector.

The evaluation protocol was established with input from the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy, the Canadian Cancer Society (BC & Yukon Division), the Trillium Foundation, and Family Services Canada. These awards represent an important step in the development of an objective, quantifiable measure of performance for non-profit organizations.

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