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2018 COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS AND NOMINEES RECOGNIZED AT SPRING CELEBRATION

(COCHRANE: May 28, 2018) — Forty-six nominees and thirteen Cochrane Community Award finalists were celebrated this weekend at the spring awards ceremony held on Sunday May 27 at the Cochrane RancheHouse. This is the largest number of nominees celebrated in the award program's history.

The afternoon event featured awards presented to people and organizations who make a difference in our community. With a backdrop of dramatic mountain views and a room decorated with fresh spring flowers, residents, businesses, school groups, and organizations who had been nominated by the community were recognized. Terrance Haxton, a well-known community volunteer and recipient of the 2017 Senior of the Year award, served as emcee.

The ceremony got underway with fanfare when nominees were piped into the awards ceremony room led by Cochrane Lions Rodeo Royalty Queen Jesse, a kilt-clad emcee Terrance Haxton, MP Blake Richards, Mayor Jeff Genung, Town Councillors Susan Flowers, Patrick Wilson, Tara McFadden, Alex Reed, Marni Fedeyko and Rocky View School Trustee Fiona Gilbert.

The 2018 award recipients are:

Order of Cochrane: Dr. Ross Watson
(Category Sponsor: Cochrane Mayor and Council)

Ambassador of the Year: Cody Matechuk
(Category Sponsor: Cochrane Community Awards)

Business of the Year: Mountain Vista Law
(Category Sponsor: Cochrane and District Chamber of Commerce)

Citizen of the Year: Palwinder Singh
(Category Sponsor: Burnswest Properties Ltd.)

Community Builder of the Year: Stuart Bradley
(Category Sponsor: Cochrane Community Awards)

Education Initiative of the Year: Bow Valley High School – Time for Hope Colours
Cochrane
(Category Sponsor: Bow Valley College)

Employer of the Year: Boys & Girls Club of Cochrane & Area
(Category Sponsor: Cochrane and District Chamber of Commerce)

Equity and Inclusion Champion of the Year: Melissa Engdahl
(Category Sponsors: Town of Cochrane, Equity and Inclusion Committee)

Newsmaker of the Year: Warren Collins
(Category Sponsor: Cochrane Times)

Pathfinder of the Year: Cochrane Farmers' Market
(Category Sponsor: SPUR)

Senior of the Year: Jane White
(Category Sponsor: TWO Pharmacy)

Volunteer Group of the Year: Community Volunteer Income Tax Program
(Category Sponsor: Cochrane FCSS)

Youth of the Year: Santana Shukin
(Category Sponsor: Boys & Girls Club of Cochrane and Area)

Event Sponsors: Canlin Energy Corporation (Hors d'oeuvres), Sunset Ridge Dental
(Refreshment Table), Bird's Eye Technologies (Dessert Table).

The 2018 Nominees are:

Ambassador of the Year: Cody Matechuk; Stuart Bradley.

Business of the Year: Cochrane Panda Flowers; Cochrane Kumon; Don't Panic
Mechanic; Just Imajan Art Gallery & Studio; Last Frontier Automotive Repair;
Mountain Vista Law; My Greek Plate; Tea.... And Other Things; Signarama Cochrane

Citizen of the Year: Ann Beatty; Gale Kelly; Palwinder Singh; Sharon MacDonald

Community Builder of the Year: Carey Wilkinson Lee; Della Robertson; Richard
Foy (posthumous); Rose McRae; Stuart Bradley.

Education Initiative of the Year: Bow Valley High School – Time for Hope Colours
Cochrane; Cochrane High School – 3D Prosthetic Hand; Mitford School – Mental
Health Programming.

Employer of the Year: Boys & Girls Club of Cochrane & Area

Equity and Inclusion Champion of the Year: Ecole Manachaban Middle School –
Logo Redesign; Jaclyn Laliberte; Melissa Engdahl.

Newsmaker of the Year: Cochrane Dollar; Cody Matechuk; Warren Collins

Pathfinder of the Year: Cochrane Farmers' Market; Home Reno Heaven

Senior of the Year: Jane White; Judy Heck; Nancy Gibbie; Shannon Bell

Volunteer Group of the Year: Cochrane and District Warm Water Therapy Pool Society; Cochrane Search & Rescue; Cochrane Victim Services; Community Volunteer Income Tax Program; Helping Hands Society of Cochrane & Area

Youth of the Year: Kaya Dupuis; Miguel Duarte Jr.; Rhiannon Lympany; Santana Shukin

Order of Cochrane: Dan Kroffat; Palwinder Singh; Dr. Ross Watson; Valerie McCracken.

About Us - *The Cochrane Community Awards initiative and the selection of award recipients is guided by a broad-based committee of local representatives including educators, seniors, businesses, sustainability champions, as well as the Cochrane and District Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Cochrane. Nominees in all categories are recognized at the awards ceremony. **For more information:** www.ccawards.ca*

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