



DONNER CANADIAN FOUNDATION AWARDS
for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services

Media Release

Finalists announced today for Canada's largest non-profit awards: \$70,000 in cash awards to be presented

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CALGARY, AB, 03 NOVEMBER 2005—The top 31 non-profit organizations from across Canada have been selected as finalists for the 8th annual Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services (Donner Awards), The Fraser Institute announced today. This year, 842 organizations from across Canada applied for the awards.

Awards totaling \$70,000 will be announced at a celebratory event attended by The Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, on November 23 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto, 100 Front Street West.

Award recipients will be recognized in nine categories of social service delivery and the prestigious William H. Donner Award for Excellence will be awarded from amongst the category winners. The Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-Profit Management will also be presented to a non-profit organization whose consistent record of excellence and innovation in management and service delivery reflects the philosophy of Peter F. Drucker, widely considered to be the founding father of the study of management.

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.

Finalists 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.

2005 Donner Award Finalists (by category)

Alternative Education

- Opportunity for Advancement (Toronto, ON)
- Sarnia Lambton Rebound (Sarnia, ON)
- Janus Academy Society (Calgary, AB)
- Continuing On In Education (Belleville, ON)

Provision of Basic Necessities

- Inner City Home of Sudbury (Sudbury, ON)
- Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society (Calgary, AB)
- Vancouver Meals Society – A Loving Spoonful (Vancouver, BC)

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Child Care Services

- The Children's Garden Nursery School (Pembroke, ON)
- Aleph-Bet Child Life Enrichment Program (Winnipeg, MB)
- Big Brothers & Sisters Association of Peterborough (Peterborough, ON)
- Boys and Girls Club of Niagara (Niagara Falls, ON)

Counselling Services

- York Region Abuse Program (Newmarket, ON)
- Hospice Dufferin (Orangeville, ON)
- YMCA of Sarnia Lambton (Sarnia, ON)
- Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (Sudbury, ON)

Crisis Intervention

- Sarnia-Lambton Rebound (Sarnia, ON)
- Distress Centre of Ottawa & Region (Ottawa, ON)
- London Crisis Pregnancy Centre (London, ON)
- Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Centre of BC (Vancouver, BC)

Services for People with Disabilities

- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Calgary Chapter (Calgary, AB)
- Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (Burnaby, BC)
- Community Living Campbellford/Brighton (Campbellford, ON)

Services for Seniors

- Hospice of Waterloo Region (Waterloo, ON)
- Hospice Saint John & Sussex (Saint John, NB)
- VON Lanark, Leeds & Grenville (Brockville, ON)
- Alzheimer Society of Thunder Bay (Thunder Bay, ON)

Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse

- Simon House Residence Society (Calgary, AB)
- Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (Sudbury, ON)
- InnerVisions Recovery Society (Port Coquitlam, BC)

Traditional Education

- John Knox Christian School (Oakville, ON)
- Cornwall Alternative School (Regina, SK)
- Sonrise Christian Academy (Picton, ON)
- Penticton Community Christian School (Penticton, BC)

For further information on the Donner Awards, visit www.fraserinstitute.ca/donner

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