

## **Twenty-three exceptional volunteers recognized by Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation – Ontario Region**

TORONTO, ON (April 20, 2015) – Over 500 Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF) volunteers gathered at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel on Sunday to celebrate its outstanding volunteers across the province. In conjunction with National Volunteer Week, CBCF – Ontario Region is excited to announce its 8th annual Community Celebration Volunteer Award winners. Twenty-three exceptional individuals received awards at the 2015 Community Celebration Event on Sunday, April 19 while an additional 48 were recognized as nominees.

“Our work would not be possible without the passion and commitment of our volunteer community,” said Sandra Palmaro, CEO, CBCF-Ontario Region. “CBCF volunteers come from all walks of life, drawn together by the shared vision of creating a future without breast cancer. Together, with their support we can continue to fund advancements in earlier detection, improved diagnosis and more effective treatment, which have helped reduce breast cancer mortality rates by 43 per cent since the 1980s. It is an honour to formally recognize their dedication, time and energy.”

As the largest community-driven funder of breast cancer research in Canada, CBCF offers Canadians many ways to get involved including, hosting and participating in fundraising events, organizing CIBC Run for the Cure sites, serving on committees and review panels and acting as CBCF representatives at community engagement events. Last year in Ontario, more than 4,000 volunteers gave their time to support those affected by breast cancer.

Libby Znaimer, host of The Zoomer Report and prominent Canadian journalist and breast cancer survivor, emceed the Community Celebration event on Sunday at Toronto’s Fairmont Royal York. This year’s award winners continue to raise the bar on innovation and creativity in fundraising, advocacy and championing change, all while bringing us closer to creating a future without breast cancer.

### **2015 Volunteer Awards Winners:**

The Volunteer Awards Ceremony is held in recognition of National Volunteer Week, but the success of CBCF volunteers is evident year-round. The hard work and dedication of these individuals help make our work possible.

Cause Leadership Award:

Dr. Ralph George (Toronto)

Cynthia Mulligan (Toronto)

Camille Quenneville (Toronto)



Community Event Commitment Award:  
Oshawa Generals Hockey Club (Oshawa)  
Tara and Joy Reycraft (Strathroy)  
Joanne Millen-Mackenzie (Brockville)

Corporate Commitment Award:  
Shoppers Drug Mart  
Lastman's Bad Boy Superstore  
DLA Piper LLP (formerly known as Davis LLP)

Erin McBride Leadership Award-New Run Director – Katie Walton (Barrie-Orillia)

Erin McBride Leadership Award-Returning Run Director – Anne Marie Desjardins (North Bay)

Outstanding Volunteer Award:  
Susan Featherstone (Markham)  
Christy Teasdale (Toronto)  
Laura Money (Toronto)

CIBC Run for the Cure Commitment Award:  
Paul Lansbergen (Ottawa)  
Cheryl Kardish-Levitan (Ottawa)  
David Farrow (Hanmer)

Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award:  
Nolan Desjardins (North Bay)  
Ben Gray (Toronto)  
Jimmy Tieu (Toronto)

Lifetime Achievement Award:  
Marie-Claire Ivanski (Embrun)  
Dr. Kathleen Pritchard (Toronto)  
Sue MacLatchy (Ottawa)

[Click here](#) to find out how to become a volunteer.

### **About Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation**

Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation is the leading community driven organization in Canada dedicated to creating a future without breast cancer. Our investments in innovative and relevant research and education have led to progress in breast cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and



care. Since 1986, we have been at the forefront of a nationwide movement supporting and advocating for the breast cancer community.

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