

# Volunteers Recognized with Awards

## Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Corporate / Small Business • Dexter's Butcher Block

**Dexter Rundle-Woolcock - (Dexter's Butcher Block)**

Dexter's Butcher's Block is a butcher shop in Tatamagouche, and since its opening has always worked hard to help strengthen the community. Dexter's consistently supports of many community groups and organizations in the area; investing in your community is a great way to give back to those who have helped support your business. As small businesses go you could not ask for more.

There are too many to list, but to name a few, Dexter's supports the Willow Lodge Auxiliary fundraising efforts and is one of

the biggest donors during their Palliative Care Room Gift Card Fundraiser. Dexter's also supports the Oddfellows yearly roast beef dinner, providing the meat, with funds raised going to the Oddfellows and anyone in need of help across Tatamagouche and has been know to work with local families to help with their fundraising projects.

Dexter has supported numerous fundraisers in any way he can and always makes sure to volunteer his time to help at BBQ's. Dexter's Butcher Block deserves recognition for the support they have given the village and continues to do so.

## Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Family Award

**James, Kristelle, Dawson & Ayla Campbell**

James and Kristelle Campbell began volunteering with Willow Lodge Home for Special Care, soon after moving to the Village of Tatamagouche, by adopting a lady called Florence as a Grandmother for their two children, Dawson, and Ayla, under the Lodge Friends for Friends' program.

The family visited Florence faithfully, which was a real joy for both the family and Florence. Their son Dawson often sings for his adoptive grandmother and she always looked forward to seeing them and regaling the tale of their visit once they had

gone.

The Campbell's are a hard-working family and finding time to volunteer with a busy life and young family is not easy. Willow Lodge has nominated this lovely family to show that even if you only have an hour to spare each week, that hour can make so much difference to someone who may otherwise not receive regular visitors.

Sadly, Florence passed away earlier this year, but it was her request the Campbell's be recognized for the difference they made in her life.

## Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Family Award • Jol & Maura Hunter

In 2020, Jol and Maura Hunter agreed to act as co-chairs for the Colchester Community Workshop Foundation and helped raise 3.4 million dollars for the expansion of the Colchester Community Workshops.

The Hunters clearly exemplify the virtue of good citizenship and have gone above simply volunteering their time with a non-profit organization. They have shown exemplary initiative and leadership skills by founding a 12 touch fundraising campaign that would not only raise 3.4 million dollars, but create a lasting and sustainable relationship with donors, that will benefit the Workshop for years to come.

Their outstanding organizational skills and attention to detail are nothing short of amazing. Jol and Maura beautifully orchestrated a campaign which included tours of the

workshop for all the interested donors, definitely a contributing factor to educating the general public on exactly what the Workshops do and the overcrowded conditions in which the clients are currently working. As well they showed perspective donors what the expansion would do, not only for the workshop but for the community at large.

Canvassing, Public Relations, and Social Media expanded on, personal visits to donors done in a timely fashion their high standards for success have spoken volumes and the results are nothing short of amazing.

Intelligent, detailed, creative, dedicated, and committed are but a few of the words that would best describe Jol and Maura. Congratulations from the Colchester Community Workshop Foundation Jol and Maura!

## Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Individual Awards

**Jessica Frenette**

Jessica is a board member of the Living Earth Council, an environmental organization that focuses on sustainable efforts, she's the front line of communication and their social media guru. Jessica also finds the time to volunteer at Girl Guides, she is also a Brownie Leader, and co-founder of a litter clean up group called Colchester Clean Up.

Jessica is a wonderful, full of life individual who is passionate about the environment and those around her. She is a very positive, motivational, well loved woman who makes a difference in the lives of those she meets.

**Betty Byers**

Betty Byers is a formidable woman, who is highly respected in the communities of Tatamagouche and New Annan. She has been volunteering for multiple organizations for many decades including: local Cub and Scout groups, the Canadian Cancer Society, the United Church Women's Group, the Women's Institute, the Tatamagouche School Reading program, the Bell Gift Cemetery.

Betty also finds time to volunteer as the United Church Treasurer, the West New Annan Church Hall Treasurer, the North Shore Archives (30 years), Willow Lodge Auxiliary (23 Years) and she also sat on the Willow Lodge Home for Special Care board.

Some of the word's people have used to describe Betty include outstanding, exemplary, above and beyond, role model, unstoppable, and quite simply amazing. Betty Byers, has dedicated her life to volunteering.

**Nigel Leggett**

Nigel Leggett has spent the majority of his adult life living in the community of Valley, Colchester County. He joined the Valley-Kemptown & District Fire Brigade in 1980, as a Volunteer Firefighter. Since joining the fire brigade, he has been actively involved in all aspects of the volunteer side. He was first elected as Valley-Kemptown's Fire Chief in 1996 and served in that position until 1999. In 2004, he was re-elected Fire Chief and continues to serve the community in this capacity today. Under his leadership, the brigade has seen positive and fiscally responsible growth within the community, including building a strong volunteer membership, an expansion of the fire hall, and a modern fleet of vehicles including an aerial platform.

Nigel has been an active member of the Colchester

County Firefighters Association where he has served four terms as 1st Vice President. He is also a member in good standing with the Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia and the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association.

Aside from being a volunteer firefighter Nigel has also served his community as a volunteer baseball coach with the Valley Recreation Association.

**John Corlett**

John Corlett was heavily involved in the community for many years including volunteering at the North Shore ATV Club, Snowmobile Club and he was the President and founding member of the Tatamagouche Area Trails Association.

When working with the trails association John was known to have gone way above and beyond what was expected of him, in providing leadership, ideas for projects, time and equipment, and facilities such as tools and workshop. Johns contracting experience combined with his natural ability to plan and lead in the implementation of complex tasks, along with familiarity with many people in the field, was invaluable to contracting work on the trails that the association maintains.

John provided, at no charge, many hours on the trail with his truck, trailer, tractor, and mini excavator, as well as his tools and workshop for maintenance of the association's equipment, and for any special construction projects. John was always the go to guy for many aspects of the association's work.

Sadly in 2020 The Municipality of Colchester County along with the North Shore lost an exceptional volunteer. But we wanted to take a minute to recognize Johns valuable contributions to the community.

**Sherry Alexander**

Sherry Alexander is the Manager and Coach with the Truro Lions Track & Field Club. Sherry has been instrumental in the development and continuation of the Truro 'Lions'. Without Sherry's dedication, it can be said with certainty, that the club would in no way be as successful as they are today. Numerous Youth Provincial (Legion) Team members, Canada Games Team members and many college athletes can also attest to Sherry's support and dedication. Some say "it takes a village to raise a child", it also takes a village to have a successful track club! Sherry has definitely "stepped up" and made things happen for the Truro Lions Track and Field Club.

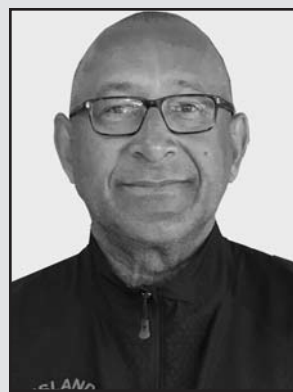
## Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Family Award • Wayne & Linda Mingo

Wayne and Linda Mingo are an exceptional couple that have delivered thousands of meals to the elderly across the Village of Tatamagouche for over a decade. They are among the most reliable delivery drivers in the Meals on Wheels Program, and are never too busy to help. They are also members of the Tatamagouche Royal Canadian Legion Branch 64. They have been members for close to 40 years; Linda as the secretary and Wayne as both President and Vice President.

If you are involved in "sports" in Truro, then you have most likely heard of the Truro "Lions". Sherry has made sure that the athletes who have committed to train are always taken care of. Whether it's registering kids for meets, driving athletes to/from meets, or organizing training sessions and community programs she is there. Sherry ensures there will be a future for Track & Field athletes; she is volunteers her time officiating and coaching, Sherry has definitely "answered the bell" so to speak.

It is not just a "time" thing, but one cannot overlook the time she has put in with the Truro "Lions". Sherry has committed hundreds/ thousands of hours as a Manager and Coach, but her expertise, dedication and commitment are what resonates.

**Harold "Butch" Borden**



**Butch Borden**

In 1983, Butch Borden started his teaching career and became a well-known community leader who encourages others to get involved. He encourages and exemplifies the virtue of good citizenship, enriches the lives of others, particularly those who are vulnerable or less able to help themselves and shows compassion for all.

Butch has a huge love of sport, which led him to many coaching/mentoring positions including: TJHS Girls Basketball, Truro Blue Bombers Football, TJHS Track & Field, TJHS Golf,

They have been instrumental in organizing crib tournaments, darts contests, the poppy campaign, Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Christmas Dinners for those who live alone, the Legion's Christmas Index Program and numerous other fundraisers that have taken place over the years. They are a lovely couple, of ten working in the background to support people who are less fortunate within the Village.

TJHS Girls Volleyball, NS Teachers College Women's Basketball, Truro Tide Football Team, and Mentor for Sport Nova Scotia. Although sport is a passion, DJ Butch also volunteered his time playing the music for students at Truro Junior High School dances once a month.

In addition to serving as a positive role model for youth, Butch has cultivated a culture of giving back in the community through volunteering. He has given selflessly and has empowered the African Nova Scotian Community in ways that the community will benefit from for years to come.

Butch has always gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure learners had all the supports they needed to succeed. Not only did he provide encouragement, equipment and supplies, and other supporting aides to support learners; he also worked hard to support families behind the scenes by volunteering after work hours to meet parents in the community to better understand their learners and provide tutoring when needed. The magnitude of his efforts cannot be measured.

## Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Family Award • Allen & Laurie Treen

Allen and Laurie Treen have been volunteering with Willow Lodge Home for Special Care for several years, and together are their most dedicated volunteers, volunteering with them multiple times a week.

They play cards every Wednesday, perform music for a packed crowd on Monday's, and every Friday they can be found helping with the Nail Care Program. They visit multiple residents, support their bazaars and community events, and have an enormous impact on the residents that call Willow Lodge

home. They also volunteer, and are instrumental, in the running of the Willow Lodge Auxiliary, where they support fundraising efforts, and volunteer for additional events that arise at the Willow Lodge.

Allen and Laurie are a very special couple that without the help of Willow Lodge would not be able to run such well-orchestrated programs. They are very deserving of recognition and the Residents and Care Partners of Willow Lodge would like to thank them for everything they do.

Although Butch retired from full time teaching in 2014, he has still pursued his volunteer efforts, in addition to substitute teaching. Some of his volunteer contributions have included: Apex Scholarship committee, Town of Truro Diversity Advisory Committee, Community Enhancement Association (Community Garden Revitalization Project, Community Fund), Truro Golf Club Executive, and the Truro Black Educators Committee.

Butch's dedication to the ANS Community and youth in Truro truly shows his outstanding character. He is one of a kind and we are grateful to have him in our community!

**Leanne Roberts & Amanda Weatherby**

For the past three years, the Village of Tatamagouche has been fortunate to have a Santa Claus parade, due in part to the hard work of community volunteers Leanne Roberts and Amanda Hunter Weatherby. It all

began with Amanda asking Leanne why Tatamagouche didn't have a parade at Christmas. Leanne wasn't sure why, but suggested they start one. She laughed and said "sure", three days later, Leanne had the information they needed to start the process. The rest is history in the making.

The parade has become a much anticipated holiday event for village residents and visitors. It is an integral part of what is evolving into a wonderful evening and weekend of family fun. Other community groups have rallied to hold their events at the same time. These include Santa's visit at the fire hall, a skate at the North Shore Recreation Centre and concert by the Tatamagouche Area Singers. The Village Commission funds the parade prizes and supportive businesses have stepped forward to cover insurance costs. Leanne's and Amanda's efforts have helped spark even more community spirit along the North Shore.

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