

2023 Volunteer Representatives  
Fundy Region



**Reham Khaled Al Radi**  
Town of Truro

Reham Al Radi, a grade 12 student at Cobequid Educational Centre in Truro, NS, has overcome numerous challenges in her journey from Syria to Canada.

Arriving in March 2020, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Reham and her family faced a language barrier and the shutdown of activities. However, she quickly adapted, learning English, and integrating into society while making Canadian friends.

Volunteering plays a significant role in Reham's life, providing a sense of belonging and purpose while developing valuable skills and increasing her confidence. She began by volunteering at the Truro Farmers Market and continued to contribute to various organizations such as the Colchester Food

Bank, PharmaChoice drug store clinics, and the United Way of Colchester.

She supported families in her community through the Ukraine Welcoming Committee, raising funds by selling falafel wraps at her school. She also organized fundraisers for Relay for Life and the Terry Fox event, contributing to cancer patients' well-being.

Reham's goal is to become a doctor. She has a deep passion for healthcare and desires a challenging and rewarding career where she can make a positive impact on people's lives. Despite facing adversities, she embraced her new life in Canada, excelled academically, dedicated herself to volunteering, and aspires to become a compassionate doctor.

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**Becky Grant**

Municipality of East Hants

For more than 30 years Becky Grant has been contributing to the East Hants Community. From the East Hants Community Learning Association to the Elmsdale Legion Branch #48, coaching minor softball in Lantz or leading Girl Guides and Brownies.

Becky always offers her time and skills to her community wherever needed. She is also a long-standing committee member with Ducks Unlimited Canada. She

always goes over and above to help out.

For more than 15 years with the Elmsdale Legion, she has led the kitchen for Dinner Theater fundraisers, Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Legion award ceremonies, the New Year's Levy, Friday night dinners and Sunday community breakfasts.

With the East Hants Community Learning Association, she assists with programs and events.

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**Vernon Gloade**

Millbrook First Nation

Vernon has been pivotal in shaping 3-D Archery not only in Millbrook First Nation but across Nova Scotia. His commitment to the sport has surpassed decades as a master's athlete, coach, mentor, official and course developer. Vernon has created a Millbrook Archery Club which meets regularly. Vernon takes care of the 3-D targets, does the inventory, orders what needs to be ordered and keeps the club informed of upcoming shoots, practices and events.

Vernon lends his expertise during the annual Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Summer Games as a support and coach for athletes who are learning the sport. He

is helping with coordinator duties during the 2023 NS Mi'kmaw Summer Games which is being held in Millbrook First Nation.

Vernon was recently acknowledged at the 2023 NAIG for his contribution to the sport of archery and revitalizing it within the region. He performed a ceremonial shot at the NAIG 2023 Archery Opening Ceremonies.

Vernon is a humble individual who likes to work behind the scenes. This is a prime opportunity to show appreciation for his efforts over the last number of years as he is very deserving of this recognition.

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**Mark Crozier**

Town of Stewiacke

"Stewiacke fire isn't just a bunch of volunteers, it's a family, and I wouldn't be able to be who I am today without them," affirmed Mark, a dedicated Volunteer Firefighter with 22 years of service, including 5 years as Chief of the Stewiacke Fire Department.

In addition to his firefighting duties, Mark actively participates in various committees vital to the department's operations.

Furthermore, he extends his volunteering efforts to Stewiacke Town Days, assisting with the Lob Ball Tournament, fireworks, and weekend safety measures. Mark also plays a crucial role in supporting special events like Christmas in Stewiacke and Halloween, while lending his expertise to committees that provide support and advice to the Town of Stewiacke's

governing body.

The heart of Mark's passion lies in the rewarding experience of helping others, whether it's responding to emergencies or organizing fundraisers. The profound satisfaction of assisting the community, particularly during their most challenging moments, drives him.

Through his commitment to community safety and willingness to offer assistance, Mark stands as an indispensable asset to the community.

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**Linda McCormick**

Municipality of the County of Cumberland

Linda has been volunteering in many roles around the Springhill area for more than 15 years, including at the Salvation Army Food Bank. She recently assumed a leadership role in A Hand Up Society, a charitable organization that assists with food security in both Parrsboro and Springhill.

Linda's resourcefulness has helped her create and source funding streams for a weekly food bag program called Food For Thought, that provides students, in need, access to nutritious foods for their families at no cost. Recognizing the need for the addition of milk products, protein and fresh produce,

Linda created a special coupon program for local purchases of these items.

Linda is an exceptional volunteer and uses her strengths to ensure there is adequate funding and food for families experiencing food insecurity. Linda's energy and passion for helping others have inspired so many in the community to also offer their time and services to help those who need it most.

In addition, Linda organized a campaign in memory of her son Curtis to raise money for Ronald McDonald House Halifax in Halifax, raising more than \$50,000 for the cause.

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**Doris Walton**

Town of Amherst

Doris Walton's initiation of the After the School Bell Food Program, providing food bags to children in need, showcases how she is the heart and soul of the program. Doris and the volunteers work tirelessly to keep this program up and running to serve and address children's food poverty. This program distributes more than 100 bags of food to students each Friday through numerous Cumberland region schools with the goal of ensuring children in need have food over the weekend when they don't have access to other food programs.

Doris is currently working with two other communities in Nova Scotia to help with

their version of this program.

Doris is a native of Amherst, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother, a Queen Diamond Jubilee Medal recipient and an inspiration to many. Doris volunteered with the VON Day Away Program, Meals on Wheels, and the Amherst Food Bank before she coordinated the After the School Food Program.

She has worked with 3 other communities in Nova Scotia to date to help provide this food program in schools. Doris' mission is to provide this program in every school in Nova Scotia and is very honoured to receive this recognition.

**The Town of Truro  
is grateful for Volunteers  
who make Truro  
a vibrant place to live.**

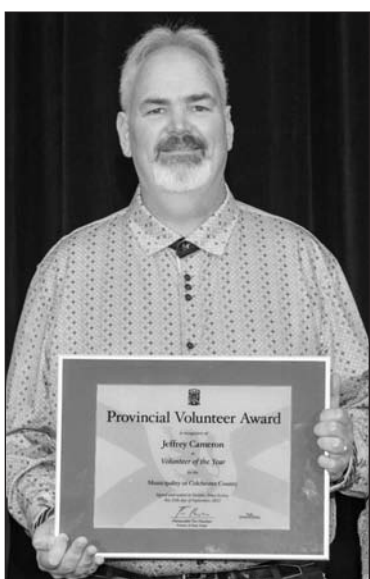
**All of Truro  
is very proud of  
Reham Khaled Al Radi  
for all the volunteering  
and fund raising  
she has accomplished  
since arriving in Canada  
three years ago.**

The Town of Truro is located on the Halifax to Moncton growth corridor and offers many advantages for business development, attractive amenities, recreational options and activities that create an outstanding community for people to live, work and play.



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The Municipality of the County of Colchester is very proud and appreciative for our 100's of volunteers who help make Colchester a better place to live, work and enjoy.

We are especially proud of Jeffrey Cameron for being chosen as our 2023 Provincial Volunteer.

Jeffrey, you have exhibited what is needed to make a community work. Your service to so many organizations, which you have led or volunteered is what makes Colchester a better place.