



MEDIA RELEASE

Excellence in Geriatric Care Recognized at 13th Annual Awards Gala



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Hamilton, ON -- The Regional Geriatric Program central (RGPC) and St. Peter's Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences are pleased to announce the winners of the 13th Annual Service Awards for Geriatric Excellence (SAGE).

SAGE is a unique program that celebrates the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations committed to providing the highest quality of care to older adults in our communities to ensure they can age with optimal health, independence and dignity.

The awards were presented at a gala dinner on Friday May 13, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Fallsview, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

52 nominations were received from seven regions across Southern Ontario (Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand-Norfolk, Waterloo, Wellington-Dufferin and Halton).

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2016 SAGE WINNERS

The Executive/Senior Leadership Award



Ms. Mary Burnett

(seen on the right)

Chief Executive Officer for Alzheimer Society Brant, Haldimand Norfolk, Hamilton Halton

As a leader, Mary exemplifies all the qualities of a strong frontrunner. Her finger is always on the pulse of not only the Alzheimer Society, the Alzheimer Foundation but also the communities we serve.

As a member of the Provincial Dementia Advisory Group, Mary advocates for the voices of persons with dementia to be heard and strives for a social versus health system that puts the needs of these persons first and foremost. The Behavioural Supports Ontario and the ALC Committee are both excellent examples of Mary's commitment to addressing gaps in the system and optimizing the health, independence and quality of life for seniors

The Individual Award



Dr. Christopher Patterson

Professor Emeritus Division of Geriatric Medicine (Department of Medicine), McMaster University, Hamilton Health Sciences

Dr. Patterson is a physician that truly is deserving of this recognition in every respect, as he has dedicated his career to the advancement of care of the elderly through exemplary

clinical care, teaching, innovative research, and true leadership in many capacities. He chaired the Committee for the enhancement of Elder Friendly Environments (8am meeting) for more than 15 years. He has had a massive influence over countless staff, students, patients and families. He is “off the charts” popular and loved by so many.

The Individual Award



Dr. Andrea Delrue,

General Internist with the Niagara Health System

Dr. Delrue is a truly a patient advocate. She displays incredible commitment and passion as an Internal Medicine Physician practicing in the NHS. She is an advocate for seniors and patient safety for many initiatives across the Niagara Health System. She demonstrates leadership within her peer groups.

She is active on many hospital committees including Falls Prevention Steering Committee, Patient Safety and our new Senior Friendly Hospital Steering Committee.

The Rosalie Senior’s Choice Award



Ms. Kim Morgan

(seen on the left)

Therapeutic Recreation Nurse at St. Peter’s Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences.

Kim always includes all patients in activities and visits each patient to inquire if they want to participate. Kim put together a monthly calendar that is placed in every room so we are all aware of events.

She enhances the quality of life here by organizing exercises for us and she demonstrates and performs arm, leg, and full body exercises that help patients become more mobile. She is not only a professional caregiver but also a friend who looks out for patients, when family members are unavailable.

The Village of Wentworth Heights Team Award



Halton Elder Abuse Prevention Network, Halton Regional Police Services

Halton

This team has partnered with Elder Abuse Ontario and RAO Halton chapter to organize an Elder Abuse Awareness Event which received a lot of media attention and MP Kevin Flynn attended and spoke on the subject. This team is dedicated to promoting awareness of legislation regarding the elderly; their rights and criminal offences.

This team is very understanding to all situations and goes above and beyond to connect with older adults in the community. They are prominent members of the Halton community and bring much needed awareness about elder abuse in the Halton region.

The Village of Wentworth Heights Team Award



Waterloo Wellington Intensive Geriatric Service Team – Canadian Mental Health Association

Waterloo/ Wellington-Dufferin

The Intensive Geriatric Service Worker Program is

very innovative and demonstrates outstanding evidence base best practices. The individual worker is passionate and strives to meet the needs of the very vulnerable senior who is often at risk medically and/or from a mental health perspective.

The team receives referrals from the Geriatric Emergency Management (GEM) Nurses in the Emergency Departments of the Hospitals; Advanced Practice Nurses in Geriatric Medicine; Specialized Geriatric Services – Geriatric Medicine or Geriatric Mental Health; and Primary Care Geriatric Specialty Nurses. This team has been referred to as ‘angels’ who arrive at the right time and right place to assist the senior with achieving their goals, which often is to remain in the community; out of hospital or to prevent premature transitions to a Long Term Care Home.

The Volunteer Award



Mr. Paul Rappolt

*Wellington Terrace Long Term Care
Wellington-Dufferin*

Paul has shown great dedication to Wellington Terrace through his role as an individual volunteer for one of our complex residents with developmental delay and mental health issues. Paul has gone above and beyond the role of a volunteer allowing this resident to accompany him

on job sites daily and engaging him in meaningful activities. Paul has welcomed Glen into his home where he and his wife invite Glen to share a meal with them and treat him as a member of the family.

Paul has shown extreme dedication to his volunteer position by staying the course even when things became very challenging with the resident. When watching Paul interact with Glen one gets the sense that he is motivated simply by knowing that caring for Glen is the right thing to do.

The Organization Award



St. Joseph's Health Centre - Guelph *Guelph*

St. Joseph's Health Care has been serving seniors and their families in the Guelph and Wellington community since 1861. They are a fully accredited not-for-profit service provider for community outreach services, transportation, meals on wheels, long term care,

complex continuing care and rehabilitation services. They offer outstanding community outreach services for people who live with dementia and provide exceptional support for the individuals and their families through their outstanding Day Program and Overnight Stay Program.

The partnerships they have with the Canadian Mental Health Association, Waterloo Wellington Dufferin are remarkable. They strive to provide integrated and collaborative quality best practice care with the senior at the centre of care.