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Seven non-profit agencies earn Donner Awards and share of \$60,000 prize money for excellence in delivering social services

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TORONTO, ON—Seven non-profit social service agencies from across Canada were recognized as the best-run in the country and shared \$60,000 in prize money at the **Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services** Friday in Toronto.

Servants Anonymous Society of Surrey, British Columbia and Community Living Campbellford/Brighton of Campbellford, Ontario shared the \$20,000 **William H. Donner Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services**, the award for the highest-performing agency overall. Servants Anonymous also won the Award for Excellence in the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse, which came with a \$5,000 prize. Community Living Campbellford/Brighton also took home the \$5,000 Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Services for People with Disabilities.

The \$5,000 **Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-Profit Management** went to Community and Primary Health Care – Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville, located in Brockville, Ontario. Every year, this award is given to a non-profit organization with a consistent record of excellence and innovation in the management and delivery of services. Community and Primary Health Care – Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville also took home the Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Services for Seniors, claiming another \$5,000 prize.

Four other organizations shared the remaining \$20,000 in awards in various categories, listed below. Additional information is available at www.donnerawards.org.

“All of the winning organizations have made great strides to enrich their communities. The work they carry out so effectively and efficiently has helped countless individuals and families, and for that they deserve to be recognized for excellence,” said Niels Veldhuis, Fraser Institute director of non-profit studies.

The Donner Awards are Canada’s largest recognition program for non-profit social service agencies, established in 1998 to recognize and encourage best practices in non-profit management and increase public confidence and support for Canada’s non-profit sector. The awards are administered by the Fraser Institute on behalf of the Donner Canadian Foundation.

This year, 591 non-profit social service agencies from across Canada applied for the awards. Participating organizations were ranked on their performance in 10 key areas, including management and governance, the use of staff and volunteers, innovation, program costs, and outcome monitoring.

“The Donner Awards recognize non-profit organizations that excel in service delivery despite their limited budgets and resources. Canadians can be sure that organizations nominated for a Donner Award are responsibly managed and are doing their utmost to help their communities,” Veldhuis said.

The Donner Awards evaluation protocol was established with input from the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy (now Imagine Canada), the Canadian Cancer Society (B.C. & Yukon Division), the Trillium Foundation, and Family Services Canada. These awards represent an important step in the development of an objective, quantifiable measure of performance for non-profit organizations.

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2011 Donner Award recipients

The \$20,000 William H. Donner Award:

William H. Donner Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services

Joint recipients:

- Servants Anonymous Society (Surrey, BC)

The SAS Surrey program is a participant-centered approach to recovery for female youth and women who choose to seek sobriety, exit the sex trade, or are at risk of being sexually exploited due to abuse, addiction, or homelessness. Servants Anonymous Society is a first-time finalist and recipient this year.

- Community Living Campbellford/Brighton (Campbellford, ON)

Community Living Campbellford/Brighton envisions a diverse community that respects the dreams and aspirations of all its members. Its mission is to provide support and services to people with disabilities, promoting opportunities for personal growth within their community.

The \$5,000 Peter F. Drucker Award:

Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-Profit Management

- Community and Primary Health Care – Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville (Brockville, ON)

Community and Primary Health Care exists to provide universally accessible and comprehensive primary health care and community support services in the promotion and building of a healthier community. Its eleven sites across Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville offer a wide range of community and health services for the region's diverse population.

The seven \$5,000 category awards:

Counselling / Crisis Intervention

- London Crisis Pregnancy Centre (London, ON)

Education

- Saskatchewan 4-H Council (Saskatoon, SK)

Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse

- Servants Anonymous Society (Surrey, BC)

Provision of Basic Necessities

- Alice Housing (Dartmouth, NS)

Services for Children

- Educational Program Innovations Charity Society (North Sydney, NS)

Services for People with Disabilities

- Community Living Campbellford/Brighton (Campbellford, ON)

Services for Seniors

- Community and Primary Health Care - Lanark, Leeds and Grenville (Brockville, ON)

Visit www.donnerawards.org for more information about all the winners.

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