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Canada's best-run non-profit agencies chosen as finalists for Donner Awards and \$70,000 prize money

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VANCOUVER, BC—Twenty-seven non-profit agencies from across Canada have been identified as being the best-run in the country and are in the running for \$70,000 in prize money as finalists for the 11th annual *Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services*.

“The Donner Awards raise public awareness about the important contributions of non-profit agencies and represent an important step forward in how we evaluate the management and delivery of social services by the non-profit sector,” said Karina Wood, outreach co-ordinator for the Donner Awards.

The Donner Awards are Canada's largest non-profit recognition program, established in 1998 to recognize and encourage best practices in non-profit management and to increase public confidence and support for Canada's non-profit sector. The awards, administered by the Fraser Institute on behalf of the Donner Canadian Foundation, will be presented November 19th at a celebration in Toronto. Additional information is available at www.donnerawards.org

This year, 600 non-profit agencies from across Canada applied for the awards. Participating organizations are 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 top organization in each of nine categories of social service delivery will win \$5,000 awards while the \$20,000 *William H. Donner Award for Excellence* will be presented to the highest performer overall.

In addition, the \$5,000 *Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-Profit Management* will be presented to a non-profit organization with a consistent record of excellence and innovation in management and delivery of services.

Listing of 2008 Donner Award Finalists (by category)

Alternative Education

- Friends of the Canadian War Museum (Ottawa, ON)
- Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Health Centre Inc. (St. John's, NL)
- Sarnia Lambton Rebound (Sarnia, ON)

Counselling Services

- Elizabeth Fry Society Mainland Nova Scotia (Dartmouth, NS)
- Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (Sudbury, ON)
- Youth Services of Lambton County – Huron House Boys' Residential Home (Bright's Grove, ON)

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Crisis Intervention

- Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre (Calgary, AB)
- London Crisis Pregnancy Centre (London, ON)
- Sarnia Lambton Rebound (Sarnia, ON)

Services for Children

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peterborough (Peterborough, ON)
- Educational Program Innovations Charity Society (North Sydney, NS)
- Harmony (Sarnia, ON)
- Kids Come First Child Care Services (Thornhill, ON)

Services for People with Disabilities

- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Society of Manitoba (Winnipeg, MB)
- Maidstone Group Home Society, Inc. (Maidstone, SK)
- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Calgary Chapter (Calgary, AB)
- Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (Burnaby, BC)

Services for Seniors

- Alzheimer Society of Oxford (Woodstock, ON)
- Calgary Meals on Wheels (Calgary, AB)
- Community & Primary Health Care - Lanark, Leeds & Grenville (Brockville, ON)

Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse

- Fresh Start Recovery Centre (Calgary, AB)
- Simon House Residence Society (Calgary, AB)
- Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (Sudbury, ON)

Provision of Basic Necessities

- Alice Housing (Dartmouth, NS)
- Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank (Calgary, AB)
- Inner City Home of Sudbury (Sudbury, ON)

Traditional Education

- Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association (Edmonton, AB)
- Cornwall Alternative School (Regina, SK)
- Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)

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