



## News Release

### **Eight non-profit social service agencies earn Donner Awards and share of \$60,000 prize money as best run in Canada**

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**TORONTO, ON**—Eight 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.

Sarnia Lambton Rebound: A Program for Youth located in Sarnia, Ontario won the \$20,000 **William H. Donner Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services**, the award for the highest performing agency overall. The organization also won the award for excellence in the delivery of counselling services/crisis intervention along with a \$5,000 prize.

The \$5,000 **Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-Profit Management** was presented to Community Living Campbellford/Brighton of Campbellford, Ontario. Each 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 Living Campbellford/Brighton was also the joint recipient of the award for excellence in the delivery of services for people with disabilities along with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada–Calgary and Area Chapter. Both organizations shared a \$5,000 prize.

Five other organizations shared the remaining \$25,000 in awards across various categories. Additional information is available at [www.donnerawards.org](http://www.donnerawards.org).

“The winning organizations are setting a powerful example of efficiency and responsibility that we hope others will strive to emulate. Their commitment to excellence is cause for much celebration nationwide, and the communities these winners are located in should be very proud,” said Niels Veldhuis, director of the Centre for Non-Profit Studies at the Fraser Institute.

The annual Donner Awards, sponsored by the Donner Canadian Foundation and administered by the Fraser Institute, recognize and reward excellence in program provision by non-profit organizations across the country. Canada’s largest recognition program for non-profit social service agencies, the Donner Awards are unique in providing participating non-profits with valuable performance information that ranks them relative to similar agencies in their field of social service delivery.

In 2009, non-profit organizations from across Canada submitted a total of 582 applications to the awards. The award recipients were selected based on a ranking of their performance in 10 key areas, including management and governance, the use of staff and volunteers, innovation, program cost, and outcome monitoring. A complete list of all award winners is provided below.

“Non-profit social service agencies play an indispensable role in Canadian society and touch countless lives. By recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding organizations, the Donner Awards not only celebrate and reward agencies across Canada for their efforts but also encourage greater accountability in the non-profit sector,” said Veldhuis.

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The Donner Awards evaluation protocol was established with input from the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy (now Imagine Canada), the Canadian Cancer Society (BC & 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.

### **2009 Donner Award recipients**

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

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

- Sarnia Lambton Rebound: A Program for Youth (Sarnia, ON)

Sarnia-Lambton Rebound is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization committed to supporting at-risk young people and their parents. Founded in 1984, the agency offers programs for children and youth who are experiencing difficulties within their families, their schools, and/or with the law.

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

##### ***Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-Profit Management***

- Community Living Campbellford/Brighton (Campbellford, ON)

Community Living Campbellford/Brighton provides support services to people with intellectual disabilities in an effort to promote opportunities for personal growth within their community. Its Family Home program is based on a residential model that mirrors the concept of a natural family using volunteer home providers.

#### **The seven \$5,000 category awards:**

##### ***Counselling Services / Crisis Intervention***

- Sarnia Lambton Rebound: A Program for Youth (Sarnia, ON)

##### ***Education***

- Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)

##### ***Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse***

- Simon House Residence Society (Calgary, AB)

##### ***Provision of Basic Necessities***

- Alice Housing (Dartmouth, NS)

##### ***Services for Children***

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

##### ***Services for People with Disabilities (joint recipients)***

- Community Living Campbellford/Brighton (Campbellford, ON)
- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada—Calgary and Area Chapter (Calgary, AB)

##### ***Services for Seniors***

- Hospice Greater Saint John (Saint John, NB)

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