



## Dr. Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

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### DR. COLIN CARRIE ENCOURAGES OSHAWA RESIDENTS TO NOMINATE INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PRIME MINISTERS VOLUNTEER AWARDS

**Ottawa, ON, March 12, 2014** – Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, announced today that nominations for the Prime Minister’s Volunteer Awards are now open. The call for nominations is open between February 28 and May 9, 2014.

The Prime Minister’s Volunteer Awards consist of 17 awards in total: 15 regional awards – 3 awards for each of 5 regions across Canada (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies, British Columbia and the North), and 2 national awards. Discover the award categories and submit a nomination today through the Prime Minister’s website: [www.pm.gc.ca/PMVA](http://www.pm.gc.ca/PMVA).

Recipients are recognized at an award ceremony and chose an eligible not-for-profit organization to receive a grant for \$5,000 (regional award) or \$10,000 (national award).

#### Quick facts

- Businesses contribute to their communities in many ways. In 2010, over half of employees who volunteered said that they had received support to do so from their employer.
- Almost half of all Canadians (47 percent) volunteer their time, energy and skills to benefit their communities, with the replacement value of their work estimated to be around \$14 billion, or the equivalent of nearly 1.1 million full-time jobs.
- Volunteers are crucial to Canada’s not-for-profit sector, which includes 161 000 registered charities and not-for-profit organizations.
- The Prime Minister’s Volunteer Awards recognize volunteers and organizations that use innovative ideas and approaches to address social challenges. Working in partnership, businesses, individuals and organizations can develop creative ways to strengthen their communities.

“Each year these awards recognize outstanding volunteers from coast to coast to coast,” stated Dr. Carrie. “I challenge everyone to reflect on the organizations and volunteers that impact your life everyday and to nominate a deserving business, not-for-profit organization or one of Oshawa's many amazing volunteers for a Prime Minister’s Volunteer Award.”

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