

# CHHA List of 2011 Awards

## The Bette Moulton Award

Bette Moulton, one of CHHA's founding members and second President (1984-1986), was particularly aware of the importance of grassroots involvement for the organization as represented by the Branches. She is honoured by this award, which is presented to the Branch or Chapter which contributes the most innovated idea, significant event or outstanding achievement which benefits hard of hearing persons. This award is presented to the Branch or Chapter which contributes the most innovative idea, significant event or outstanding achievement which benefits hard of hearing persons.

This year's recipient is **CHHA – NL Chapter** for the development of a self-help video for seniors.

## The Marilyn Dahl Award of Merit

Formerly known as the Award of Merit, the name change was introduced at the 1994 Annual General Meeting. This change reflects both the commitment to CHHA and the many accomplishments of Marilyn Dahl. As third President of CHHA she served three terms from 1986 to 1992- significant years of growth and strengthening of the organization. This award reflects the spirit of dedication in which Marilyn serves CHHA. This award recognizes a hard of hearing member of CHHA who has contributed outstanding service to the work of the Association at the National, Chapter (provincial/ territorial) or Branch level.

This year's recipient is **Art Norris** for his dedication and outstanding service to the work of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association.

## The Winnifred C. Cory Award of Merit

Winnifred Cory spent all of her teaching life helping the deaf and hard of hearing. She was a founding member of the CHHA Branch in Saskatoon. She taught speechreading at branch meetings and encouraged the branch to carry out an "Outreach" project in order to reach the hard of hearing in Saskatoon and the surrounding district. Through her efforts many hard of hearing people and their spouses have received support and information of coping strategies and assistive listening devices to help them accept their hearing loss. This award is presented to the hearing member of CHHA who has contributed outstanding service to the work of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association at the National, Chapter (provincial/territorial) or Branch level.

This year's recipient is **Paul Brown** in recognition of outstanding contribution and dedication to the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association in improving the lives of persons with hearing loss.

## **The Dr. Norah Browne Professional Award**

This award recognizes a professional or a professional group who has contributed outstanding service to the work of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA), at the National, Chapter (provincial/territorial) or Branch level. Dr. Browne was diagnosed with hearing loss at age 13. She did not allow it to interfere with her plans to enter medical school. After graduation she became a strong advocate for the hard of hearing and the deafened, and their families in Newfoundland Labrador (NL), and also on the national level in Canada. Dr. Browne is the founder of the organization which later became the NL Chapter of CHHA. She taught medical students how to communicate with hard of hearing patients, led by her own example. This award is named in honour of the contributions of Dr. Norah Browne.

The first recipient of this award is **Quenton Currie** for contributing outstanding service to the work of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association.

## **The Lynn Wheadon Education Award**

Lynn Wheadon is a long time member of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, serving both locally and nationally. Lynn's great love of education, particularly in respect to raising awareness in the area of hearing loss, has inspired the establishment of this award. The Lynn Wheadon Education Award is intended to give special recognition to any hard of hearing member of CHHA for a specific achievement or accomplishment in the area of education and raising awareness, with the purpose of improving the integration of persons who are hard of hearing or in Canadian society. The recipient of this award is a hard of hearing member of CHHA who has demonstrated outstanding work in educating CHHA members and/or the general public on hearing loss-related issues.

This year's recipient is **Susan Brown** for demonstrating outstanding work in educating hard of hearing children and their families on hearing loss issues.

## **Cantlie Community Development & Community Relations National Award**

In 2004 Colin Cantlie, as outgoing President of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, approached the CHHA National Office with the creation of a new award. This award is to be presented to a Chapter, Branch, a member, individual, or an Association that has worked diligently in the past to further the mandate of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association. This is to be a unique award as it is not mandatory that the recipient be hard of hearing or even a member of CHHA. This particular recipient could be an external Association or Group that has endeavoured to promote community accessibility for persons with hearing loss. The unusual criterion of this award is that the selection committee be separate from the annual award selection committee. This selection committee is to consist of the National President, the National Executive Director and the National Nominations Chairperson of CHHA.

This year's recipient is **Catherine Siegler** in recognition of outstanding and exemplary contribution to the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association.

## **President's Club Awards**

In 1996, a policy was adopted by the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association to honour individuals who have demonstrated their leadership in the Association by their monetary contributions. This award has been named the President's Award. The criteria for this award are not necessarily the amount of the donation but the show of consistent support over the years.

**Jocelyn Howden** has been inducted as member of the President's Club.

## **The CHHA/CHHA Foundation Scholarship**

The purpose of the CHHA/CHHA Foundation Scholarship Program is to offer financial assistance and recognition to hard of hearing and deafened students registered in a full time program at a recognized Canadian college or university, in any area of study, with the ultimate goal of obtaining a diploma or degree.

This year's winner is **Marina Opitz of Oakville, ON.**

## **The Frank Algar Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was created in 2004 by the generous contribution from the Algar family. Frank Algar was a strong advocate of the rights of hard of hearing people and disabled people in general. He had great faith in young people and worked diligently on their behalf. This scholarship is a testimony of his unwavering faith.

This year's winner is **Kathleen Ann Fink of Burnaby, BC.**

## **The Charles A. Laszlo Scholarship**

Dr. Doreen Laszlo announced the establishment of the Charles A. Laszlo Scholarship to honour the commitment and work of her husband on behalf of hard of hearing people in 2007. It is awarded to hard of hearing students who have shown both academic achievement in their post-graduate program and commitment to work on behalf of other hard of hearing people. She said that she named this scholarship after her husband to encourage people to follow his determination and example.

This year's winner is **Michael (Alasdair) Cumming of London, ON.**