Community Spirit Award

Dennis Gulley

Recipient of the 2019 Community Spirit Award, Dennis Gulley was the lead teaching pastor at Leduc Fellowship. Born in Nashville, Tennessee, Dennis lived in North Carolina and Oregon before moving to Alberta in 1999. He and his family settled in Leduc in 2003, and he joined the Leduc Fellowship staff in 2007.

Dennis is quick to support the community in any way he can, hosting events at the Leduc Fellowship Church, ministering to his congregation and giving his time to many community initiatives. He's served on the Leduc Social Needs Assessment Committee, volunteers as a driver for Meals on Wheels and is a facilitator for the Heroes youth development program. He is also the volunteer Block Connector coordinator for the Good Neighbours Initiative, which aims to foster neighbourhood connections.

For the past 12 years Dennis has led the annual Fall Food Round Up for the Leduc and District Food Bank, organizing collections and recruiting volunteers. Under his positive and energetic leadership, the food drive has been a great success, steadily increasing its collections every year. In 2016, Dennis started an initiative to get residents more involved, organizing groups in each area of the city to canvas their own neighbourhoods.

Outside of serving his community, Dennis most enjoys spending time with his family. He and his wife, Joanne, have five daughters, two sons-in-law and one grandson. Dennis envisions Leduc as a city where every resident can find safety and connection while using their abilities to serve the greater community.