

Volunteer Appreciation Banquet 2019

1. This is the City of Leduc's 11th annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Over 600 local volunteers are in attendance from some 164 volunteer-supported organizations in the Leduc region.
2. The event celebrates local volunteer efforts and the numerous contributions our generous and selfless residents have made over the last year to strengthen, uplift and improve our community.
3. **Youth of Merit Award:** Currently in her last year of high school, *Madison Makepeace* is passionate about helping others and aims to make a difference in the community. She is an active community volunteer and fundraiser, selflessly devoting her time and talents to countless organizations. Madison will attend college this fall to study education, and enjoys playing the ukulele, snowboarding and writing poetry.
4. **Arts Culture and Heritage Award:** *Lorna Stephen* is a long-time Leduc resident known for her leadership, positive attitude and community contributions. Her volunteer commitments include Leduc minor football, the Alexandra Arena Concession Board, Girl Guides, and Communities in Bloom. She has taken part in projects such as the Leduc Peace Park, Walk of Generations and the No Stone Left Alone veterans' initiative, and she has been a member of the Leduc Stone Barn Garden Society for 10 years.
5. **Environmental Achievement Award:** *AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AUI)* is a leader in environmental stewardship in Leduc. AUI is continually investigating opportunities to improve technologies and reduce its environmental impact, including the use of solar power as a clean source of electricity. AUI's innovations have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by approx. 400 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year. AUI also aims to protect fish and wildlife habitats, and takes preventative measures to protect crops.
6. **Mayor's Special Award:** The *Leduc Art Club* has been a part of the City of Leduc since the mid-1950s, providing a place for people to come together and create art. The club is an active community partner, participating in numerous community events, creating a positive and lasting impact on the community, encouraging appreciation for visual arts and providing inspiration and success for artists of all ages.
7. **Community Spirit Award:** *Cecile Cormier* has been a role model to the community since she moved to Leduc with her family, known for her kindness, energy and volunteerism. She was the program director for the Boys and Girls Club of Leduc for two years, is currently in the process of becoming certified to work with special needs students, and is an avid volunteer and fundraiser for groups including the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, Make a Wish and Ronald McDonald House.
8. **Athletic Achievement Award:** *Kenneth Coffee* has volunteered with the Leduc and District Minor Football Association since 2004, filling various positions including positional coach, head coach, director, vice-president and president. He is committed to helping young players develop character and integrity, and ensures his teams live by a football family code of hard work, determination, respect, heart and trust.

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