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150 Manitoba Champions

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Manitoba 150 recognizes Honour 150 awardees

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In early 2020, Honour 150, presented by Canada Life, invited Manitobans to recognize people from across the province who give back to the community and enrich the places in which we live, work, play, and come together in unity. The Manitoba 150 Host Committee (Manitoba 150) is excited to announce the 150 Manitobans selected to receive this Honour.

Nominated by people from their own communities, Manitoba 150 is delighted to be able to recognize 150 outstanding people from across Manitoba who represent a variety of ages, experiences, and community roles.

The recipients range from teenagers to centenarians, with a vast array of volunteer engagements. These 150 Manitobans are making a difference.

“In these unprecedented times, the stories of these 150 Manitobans demonstrate the resilience, hope, and selflessness that make our province strong. Their achievements reflect the amazing deeds that have contributed to Manitoba’s reputation as one of the most generous province in Canada. We have never been prouder to call ourselves Manitoban,” said Monique LaCoste and Stuart Murray, Co-Chairs of Manitoba 150.

To share their stories, Red River College students worked with volunteer mentors from the communications industry to conduct interviews and capture the spirit of each nominee. These 150 profiles are available to read on the Manitoba 150 website.

“Manitobans have always demonstrated a strong commitment to their community, through volunteer work, charitable donations, and support for their community,” said Cathy Cox, Manitoba Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage. “We are pleased to recognize and honour these remarkable Manitobans who have so generously and selflessly given of themselves to improve their communities and our beautiful province.”

Honourees will receive a commemorative medal, produced by Awards Canada who have incorporated copper salvaged from the Legislative Building. The medal features a design created by Manitoba artist Takashi Iwasaki, who drew inspiration from Manitoba’s prairie sky, rivers, villages, and farming roots. The medal is more than an award. It is a unique piece of art and a visual serenade to Manitoba.

“Just as the medal tells a deeper story, so too do the amazing individuals who will receive it. Their stories are infinite, and I hope when they look at their medal, they know that Manitoba appreciates them,” explained Iwasaki.

As part of Canada Life’s contribution to Manitoba 150, \$500 will be donated to the charity of each Honouree’s choice.

“The recipients are local leaders who selflessly give their time and effort to make our province a better place not only during our province’s 150th year, but every day,” said Hugh Moncrieff, Executive Vice-President, Advisory Network and Industry Affairs, Canada Life. “We couldn’t think of a better way to celebrate their dedication than to contribute to the charities and organizations of their choice in their honour.”

Congratulations to these 150 Manitobans, who remind us that even heroes who hide in plain sight deserve our recognition and our thanks. To read their stories, please visit manitoba150.com.

Quick Facts

150 recipients selected by a volunteer jury
Biographic profiles written by 47 Creative Communications students at Red River College
55 communications mentors provided guidance to students
Manitoba artist Takashi Iwasaki designed the Honour 150 medal
Each Honour recipient is able to direct \$500 to the charity of their choice for an additional investment of \$75,000, thanks to Canada Life
150 champions reflect the best of Manitoba

About the Manitoba 150 Host Committee

In 1870, Manitoba became Canada’s fifth province – the only to enter Confederation under Indigenous leadership. The Manitoba 150 Host Committee Inc. (Manitoba 150) is an independent, not-for-profit organization facilitating and supporting commemorative activities for our province’s 150th anniversary.

This is a time to be proud of who we are as Manitobans, to be in awe of our province’s beauty, to appreciate the cultures that surround us, and to respect our past and how it has created this unique experience of being Manitoban.

We hope that all Manitobans will continue to discover our beauty, meet our people, experience our cultures, and explore our history well beyond Manitoba 150.

Additional information on Manitoba 150 can be found at www.Manitoba150.com.

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