

## Canadian Association of Social Workers Distinguished Service Award

The CASW National Social Work Week Distinguished Service Award is presented annually by the CASW to an individual or group of individuals selected from their membership by each CASW member organization.

*The Newfoundland & Labrador criteria for nominations are as follows:*

- a) Member or group of members in good standing with the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers who have not previously received this award.
- b) The recipient (s) demonstrate(s) excellence in excess of the required level of performance in one or more of the following areas:
  - i. Recipient(s) demonstrate/exemplify the values of the social work profession
  - ii. Enhancing the quality of life of individuals, groups, communities or populations
  - iii. demonstrated excellence in leadership in the social work profession including front-line leadership
  - iv. advancing the promotion and reputation of the social work profession locally, provincially, nationally and/or internationally
- c) Recipient must currently or have previously served in a volunteer capacity with NLASW and/or related experience that has contributed to the advancement of the social work profession
- d) Individual recipients have practiced social work for a minimum of ten (10) years, demonstrating a sustained level of contribution to the profession.

*Nomination process:*

- a) nominations are accepted from NLASW members in writing
- b) deadline for nominations is November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year
- c) written nominations are reviewed by the NLASW board of directors
- d) nominators are informed of the decision of the board in writing
- e) the recipient is informed in writing and approves the written submission to the CASW Bulletin
- f) the award is presented during Social Work Week.

*Role of Nominators:*

- a) submits the written nomination
- b) acts as the contact for the NLASW Board of Directors during deliberations and following decision
- c) a member who nominates an individual or group for the CASW Distinguished Service Award abstains from voting as per the NLASW Conflict of Interest Policy 2007.