

# AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

2022 HSC National Virtual Conference - November 12-13, 2022

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Please ensure to submit your awards nomination form to [events@huntingtonsociety.ca](mailto:events@huntingtonsociety.ca) by August 15, 2022.

## **Dean Crain Memorial Award**

This award is in memory of Dean Crain, a long-time volunteer of HSC and a leader in the fight against HD. The recipient has made a unique and lasting contribution to the development of the Huntington Society of Canada at the regional and/or national level of the organization, and has demonstrated extraordinary perseverance and leadership in carrying out the Society's mission. The recipient has also demonstrated vision and commitment to the Society's mandate, selfless dedication to the HD community, and personal integrity and standards of excellence.

## **Dorothea Smith & Stan Edwards Award**

This award is in memory of Dorothea Smith & Stan Edwards, two of the founding members of the Huntington Society of Canada. It is awarded in recognition of an individual who has demonstrated long-term commitment and leadership on behalf of people living with Huntington disease either on a National or a local level.

## **Michael Wright Community Leadership Award**

This is one of the highest honours the Society can bestow on an individual at the local, regional or national level to those who have made an incredible difference in the lives of people living with Huntington disease. Recipients have dedicated years of leadership and hard work to make a difference in the lives of individuals with HD and their families. Their contribution may be in any of the following the areas: clinical leadership, family support, community development, and organizational development.

## **National Award of Merit (Corporate/Organization)**

This award recognizes a corporation or organization that has contributed significantly to the Society at a national level. The recipient has accomplished either a major contribution (whether financial, or the provision of pro bono professional services or support) to any of the Society's program areas, or a unique and/or significant voluntary role in the Society's work.

## **National Award of Merit (Volunteer)**

This award recognizes an individual who has contributed significantly to the Society at a national level. The recipient demonstrates commitment to the Society's mission and goals at a national level and has accomplished either a major contribution (whether financial, or the provision of pro bono professional services or support) to any of the Society's program areas, or a unique and/or significant voluntary role in the Society's work.

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## **Chair's Award**

This award recognizes an individual for innovative and lasting contributions to the development of the Huntington Society of Canada at the local, regional, or national level. The award is presented to someone who continues to make a difference in the lives of people affected by Huntington disease. The recipient is chosen by the Chair of the Society's Board of Directors.

## **Milestone Award for Communications**

This award recognizes a Chapter or Area Representative for outstanding achievement in communications over the preceding two years. When selecting the recipient, emphasis has been placed on the development and successful execution of an annual program of communications initiatives, as demonstrated by a combination of attracting local media coverage, participating in the Society's PSA campaign, and public speaking engagements and information displays.

## **Milestone Award for Fundraising**

This award recognizes a Chapter or Area Representative for outstanding achievement in fundraising over the preceding two years. When selecting the recipient, emphasis has been placed on the development and successful execution of an annual program of fundraising initiatives, as demonstrated by a combination of revenue growth, participation in National programs, successful local marketing of fundraising events, and ability to build local partnerships in support of fundraising projects.

## **Ariel & Ralph Walker Founders' Award**

The Ariel & Ralph Walker Founders' Award is the most prestigious award that the Society can confer upon an individual volunteer. The recipient has made a unique and lasting contribution to the development of the Huntington Society of Canada at both the regional and national levels of the organization, and exemplifies the qualities of the Society's founders. The recipient also has demonstrated leadership in the growth and development of the Society and its programs; vision and commitment to the Society's mandate; selfless dedication to the Huntington's community; personal integrity and standards of excellence; and service to the Society over a lengthy period of time.

## **Brighter Futures Award**

This award recognizes a youth (35 years old and under) for outstanding achievements that have helped the Huntington Society of Canada meet our mission of supporting families, educating communities and raising awareness of HD. The recipient would show substantial involvement (over 2 years) in one or more of the following areas: fundraising, volunteering (locally, regionally, or nationally including YPAHD or Youth Mentorship programs) and/or raising awareness and education activities. The recipient demonstrates a passion for a brighter future for the HD Community at large. Thanks to a generous donor, the recipient of this award will also receive full funding to attend the next YPAHD Day.