



Making A Difference... MBC Thanks You!



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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK April 19-25, 2009

National Volunteer Week, led by Volunteer Canada, will be celebrated this year from April 19 to 25th. This event is Canada's largest recognition campaign and celebration in support of volunteerism. Throughout the week, organizations like Multiple Births Canada will celebrate volunteering by recognizing and appreciating the great work done by many each and every day.

It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. But it takes many volunteers to make a village that has the caring, generosity, passion or the commitment to make a difference.

Multiple Births Canada and its many Chapters, in "villages" across Canada, are supported by such volunteers—dedicated to paying forward the help that they have received from the many individuals who volunteer throughout the multiple-birth community. Beside them are caring organizations whose leaders believe in the great work done by Multiple Births Canada.

National Volunteer Week is one way for MBC to celebrate our wonderfully dedicated volunteers. But there is a way for you to participate in this directly: read more below about how you can nominate someone for one of MBC's *Making A Difference Awards*—to thank someone who has made a difference in your life or community.

On behalf of the MBC Board of Directors and our Business Office Manager, I would like to thank all of you for your commitment to making a difference in your communities. Whether it is in support of a Chapter, Multiple Births Canada itself, or the many individuals and families your life has touched, your willingness to volunteer on behalf of the multiple-birth community is always appreciated.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Kimberley Weatherall
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"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." DeAnn Hollis

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS Volunteer Recognition Within the Multiple Birth Community

It's time for MBC members to recognize our peers and supporters by nominating candidates for the **2009 Making a Difference Awards!**

It only takes a few minutes and the recognition it gives to the amazing volunteers who win is priceless. The awards will be presented at the **2009 Chapter Development Retreat & Annual General Meeting in October**, but you do not need to attend to nominate or receive this award. This is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the contributions made by others wanting to *improve the quality of life for multiple-birth individuals and their families in Canada.*

We know that there are many members and friends of MBC deserving of these awards, so *go ahead... nominate someone!!*

MBC has five awards available for consideration:

- **MADA LOCAL** to an individual who has displayed outstanding dedication or has been responsible for outstanding accomplishments of local significance in the field of multiple births in a local community in Canada.
- **MADA NATIONAL** to an individual who has displayed outstanding dedication or has been responsible for outstanding accomplishments of national significance in the field of multiple births in Canada.
- **MADA INTERNATIONAL** to an individual who has displayed outstanding dedication or has been responsible for exceptional accomplishments of international significance in the field of multiple births with a Canadian element or impact on the Canadian multiple-birth community.
- **DIONNE AWARD** to ADULT multiple-birth individual(s) who through his/her/their actions have created a deeper awareness of the challenges faced by Canada's multiple-birth children and their families and/or have made a significant impact on the multiple-birth community through their own personal efforts.
- **MEDIA AWARD** to an individual and/or newspaper, magazine, radio or television outlet that printed or aired a story in 2008/2009 which created awareness of multiple-birth issues, individual chapters, or spotlighted MBC and/or Chapter initiatives.

To see details on past winners and to download the latest MADA Nomination Forms check out the Multiple Births Canada website under [Volunteer Recognition](#).

Please submit your nomination for consideration by August 1st, 2009. Your submissions or questions can be sent by email to the MADA Chair, Lynn Stadler-Hawkins at makingadifference@multiplebirthscanada.org, by fax to (705) 429-9809, or by mail at **Making a Difference**, Attention: Chairperson, Box 9 RR #4, Rockwood, ON N0B 2K0.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to be part of the Making A Difference Awards Committee this year. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us through email, fax, or mail as above.

We look forward to hearing from you. **Remember** - without volunteers, our local chapters, as well as the National Organization, would never be able to touch as many lives as we have been able to. *Let's recognize those people who "Make a Difference"!*

Supporting Canada's Multiple-Birth Community for over 30 Years!

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