



In its fourth year, the Community Achievement Award (CAA) recognizes the amazing community efforts of our Advisors from coast to coast and makes a direct tie to the seventh co-operative principle – Concern for Community.

It is our pleasure to congratulate the 5 regional winners from 2015. We thank all our dedicated Advisors for their commitment to making our communities stronger, safer and more sustainable.

| Region | 2015 Winner |
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| Atlantic | Glynn Irving (Elmsdale, NS) |
| Quebec | Claudine Gélinas (Mascouche, QC) |
| NEWOR (North/East/Western Ontario) | Denise Vallée (Peterborough, ON) |
| COR (Central Ontario) | Debbie Hamilton (St. Thomas, ON) |
| WEST | Tammy Truman (Calgary, AB) |

Glynn Irving – Despite only operating his agency since 2013, Glynn has actively demonstrated his passion for community involvement. He is the chair of the board of directors of the not-for-profit Tots Childcare Society, group commissioner for 1st Enfield Scouting in Tri-County, a fundraising volunteer and donor for the Caring & Sharing Angel Tree Food Bank, a member of the Student Advisory Committee for Oldfield Consolidated Elementary School and a member of the East Hants Chamber of Commerce. Glynn is involved in a number of local sustainability efforts. His agency is a collection site for Zero Waste Box; he is part of the Adopt-a-Highway program for waste clean-up; a purchaser of organic produce from Tap Root Farms/Community Shared Agriculture; and a promoter and user of wind powered energy. According to Glynn's wife and co-worker, when it comes to community involvement, "he can't help himself ...it's just who he is and how he lives."

Claudine Gélinas – Claudine has truly made her mark on the community after just two and a half years with The Co-operators. Her active community involvement has mainly consisted in supporting business people, and especially women and young entrepreneurs. In collaboration with Chambre de commerce et d'industrie Les Moulins, she provided financial support and helped organize events aiming to help youth and women entrepreneurs achieve personal and professional success. Claudine was a donor and volunteer for the Expédition Pinocchio, a bike ride organized by local police services to raise donations for the Fondation Pinocchio, which helps children who have developmental challenges. Claudine was also involved with Opération Enfant Soleil, Fondation autisme Laurentides, and Relais pour la vie (Relay for Life).

Denise Vallée – Despite a busy year moving her office, Denise remained committed to highlighting the good works of numerous non-profits in her community through her monthly column, *Denise's Community Corner*. Denise, her family and staff have also volunteered at, and donated to, many community events such as the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Day open house held at her office. This year marked the 10th anniversary of this event, held in conjunction with the Bras Around the Building campaign for the Canadian Cancer Society. In addition, Denise is a member of Women's Business Network, sits on the board of directors for Service Co-ordination for Youth, and sponsors the Peterborough Youth Soccer Club.

Debbie Hamilton – With a history of volunteerism decades long, Debbie's passion of helping people feel empowered is one that she has instilled in her staff. Debbie and her team are involved in local women's issues, anti-poverty initiatives including sitting on the coalition for Bridges out of Poverty, employment services, anti-bullying programs and helping the local food bank. Putting her words into action, Debbie purchased a house in 2014 which is used to provide affordable accommodations to people in need in her community. And, she recently introduced Pay It Forward yoga where instead of charging for classes, participants are asked to contribute to a local charity. Debbie also makes her yoga classes available to young and troubled teens struggling with addiction and anxiety. Debbie was one of the creators and leaders of Kindness...Run With It, an event that raises awareness of bullying prevention and promotes kindness. She is a member of the Safe Communities Coalition and serves on the EAT 2 LEARN partnership committee. Community members describe Debbie as compassionate, open-minded, energetic, passionate, and with an enthusiasm that is contagious.

Tammy Truman – is well-known for her community involvement. Tammy's passion for helping those in need spans generations, from raising funds for a Children's Wish Foundation radiothon and her support of the Kids Cancer Care Foundation which helps send kids to camp, to her 17-year commitment to the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter and working with Rotary to provide free Christmas turkey dinners for 250 seniors. As a volunteer or ambassador, Tammy is heavily involved with a number of local athletes and sports teams, including the Calgary Grey Cup Committee, the Flames Foundation and the Stampeders Foundation. She is also a long-time Wrangler Sponsor for the Calgary Stampede. In addition, Tammy helps Kids Sport, the Forzani Foundation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Crohns & Colitis Foundation and the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre.