



Press Release

Winners of the 34th Annual Grandparent of the Year 2022

May 2nd, 2022 (The City and County of Peterborough)

For the past 34 years, Community Care has encouraged children from grade 2 through grade 6 to recognize a Grandparent, Elder or a special older person in their life, as "Grandparent of the Year" and thanks to Title Sponsor - Nexicom, this tradition continued in 2022, in a virtual way.

"We have prepared a video presentation of our virtual Grandparent of the Year awards and will be broadcasting the results on all our social media platforms on Friday, April 29th at 7:00 pm," said Danielle Belair – Executive Director of Community Care. "After the broadcast, we will embed the video on our website, www.commcareptbo.org/grandparentoftheyear for quick access."

Community Care received over 150 nominations from students from grades 2 to 6 for area grandparents, elders or a special older person in the child's life.

"The children shared so many wonderful stories and artwork with us," added Belair. "It is always difficult for the judges to choose an honourable mention and winner in 4 categories."

This year, Community Care accepted nominations in 4 categories. The two traditional categories of primary division for students in grades 2 and 3 and junior division for students in grades 4, 5 and 6 and new this year, two categories were created in order to accept submissions in French, adding a primary French and junior French division so that students could practice their French language skills too.

Honourable Mention and Winners by category:

In the primary English division:

- Honourable Mention - Mahi from Kaawaate East City Public School – nominated her Nan, Sree Pathak from Katy, Texas.
- Winner – Everley from St. Joseph C.E.S. – nominated her Nan, Mary Jane Jackman from Lakefield.

In the primary French division:

- Honourable Mention – Felix from Kaawaate East City Public School – nominated his Grandparents Debbie and Wes LeBreton of Aldergove, B.C.
- Winner – Faela from Kaawaate East City Public School – nominated her Grandpa Peter Minten of Strathroy.

In the junior English division:

- Honourable Mention – Mac from St. Anne's C.E.S. – nominated her Grandpa David Ingram of Douro – Dummer.

- Winner – Linden Dow – St. Joseph C.E.S. – nominated his Grandpa Bruce Rogers who lives near Indian River

In the junior French division:

- Honourable Mention - Madelyn from Kaawaate East City Public School – nominated her Grandpa Peter McKeiver
- Winner – Willa from Kaawaate East City Public School – nominated her Grandma Bonnie Bradley from Mount Albert.

Mary Jane Jackman from Lakefield, Peter Minten of Strathroy, Bruce Rogers who lives near Indian River and Bonnie Bradley from Mount Albert have all been declared the 2022 Grandparents of the Year.

“We hope that next year, this 'SMILES ALL AROUND' event can be in person,” said Belair. “Congratulations to all the children who participated, congratulations to tonight’s winners and of course, congratulations to our 4 Grandparents of the Year for 2022.”

For more information about this event visit - www.commcareptbo.org/grandparentoftheyear

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