

HISTORY (1949-2009)

CHA's Award for Distinguished Service has a long and storied history.

First known as the George Findlay Stephens Memorial Award, the award was established by the Canadian Hospital Council (now the Canadian Healthcare Association) in 1949 to honour the memory of Dr. Stephens who died in 1948 at the age of 63. In 1932, a year after the Canadian Hospital Council was established, he was the first Canadian to be elected president of the American Hospital Association. For five years, during the Second World War, he was president of the Canadian Hospital Council. In 1946, he was the first recipient of the American Hospital Association's Award of Merit. For many years, Dr. Stephens was CEO of the Winnipeg General Hospital, and in 1940, he was appointed CEO of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montréal.

June 1991 saw the establishment of the Award of Excellence for Service and Leadership by the Board of Directors of the then Canadian Hospital Association.

In November 1997, the Board of Directors of the Canadian Healthcare Association changed the name of the award to **Award for Distinguished Service**.

Only candidates nominated by an Active Member of CHA, that is, a provincial/territorial hospital/health organization that belongs to CHA, are considered eligible.

The Canadian Healthcare Association (CHA) is the federation of provincial and territorial hospital and health organizations across Canada. Through its members, CHA represents a broad continuum of care, including acute care, home and community care, long term care, public health, mental health, palliative care, addiction services, children, youth and family services, and housing services. These services are provided through regional health authorities, hospitals and other facilities and agencies that serve all Canadians and are governed by trustees who act in the public interest.

The Canadian Healthcare Association was founded in 1931 and historically represented provincial and territorial hospital associations at the national level. In 1995, its name was changed from the Canadian Hospital Association to the Canadian Healthcare Association to reflect the broad scope of the association's membership. Effective January 1, 2007, the Canadian Association for Community Care was integrated with the Canadian Healthcare Association.

CHA is a leader in developing, and advocating for, health policy solutions that meet the needs of Canadians. CHA's Professional Development programs, conferences and publishing services contribute to this leadership. CHA is committed to a publicly funded health system that provides access to a continuum of comparable health services throughout Canada.

PREVIOUS WINNERS*

YEAR	NAME	PROVINCE
2004	Joan D. Dawe	Newfoundland and Labrador
2005	Steven Lewis	Saskatchewan
2006	Jean-Claude Martin	Québec
2007	W.F. (Rick) Roger	British Columbia
2008	Dr. Nuala Kenny, O.C.	Nova Scotia

* A complete list of previous winners is available on the Canadian Healthcare Association's website: www.cha.ca



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CANADIAN HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

1949 - 2009

Call for Nominations

PURPOSE OF AWARD

The Canadian Healthcare Association Award for Distinguished Service recognizes:

- Outstanding contributions or achievements in furthering progress in administration and governance in the healthcare sector.
- Consistent and noteworthy service and leadership over the years, particularly at the national level.
- Personal efforts to assist and advance the efficiency and performance of Canadian health organizations.
- Personal efforts to foster public policy and legislation related to healthcare.
- Furtherance of public policy and legislation related to healthcare.

CANADIAN HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION
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NOMINATION FORM

Please return this form by **Monday, March 30, 2009** to:

Chair, CHA Awards Selection Committee
Canadian Healthcare Association
17 York Street, Suite 100, Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6
Fax: (613) 241-5055 – email: afield@cha.ca

Please make only one nomination on each form; forms may be photocopied. You may be contacted for additional information on your nominee.

Only candidates nominated by a provincial/territorial hospital/health organization that is full dues-paying a member of the Canadian Healthcare Association are considered eligible. Nominees from outside your province/territory are welcome.

NOMINEE: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

NOMINATOR: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Please attach supporting information:

- One-page letter supporting the nomination
- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- Supplementary list of achievements