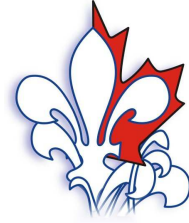


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Community Achievers to be Honoured at 2009 West Quebecers Awards Banquet

The Regional Association of West Quebecers is pleased to announce the winners of the **West Quebecers Community Awards** honouring outstanding contributions made in the English-speaking community of the Outaouais. The awards will be presented at the 2009 Community Awards Banquet on Friday, October 23 at the Aydelu Centre in the Aylmer sector of Gatineau. (Buffet tickets \$40)

West Quebecers Award recipients have volunteered time and energy toward improving their community and have made a difference in the Outaouais. The Community Awards celebrate the spirit of volunteerism as an essential element of our hometowns and honour the outstanding contributions made by outstanding people.

Recipients of the 2009 RAWQ Community Awards are:

Graham Greig Award for Outstanding Community Service	Debi Brown
J.D. Coulson Award	Meals on Wheels
Founders Award	Richard E. (Dick) Henderson
Leadership Award for Youth	Ashley Latour
Community Service in Education	Peter Haughton
Community Service in Arts & Culture	Kate Aley

There are no recipients this year for the Community Service Awards in Health and Social Services or in Recreation & Liveable Communities.

The Community Awards are presented to individuals or groups whose nominations have been submitted by the community at large. A Selection Committee chooses the winners from these nominations. At this event, we honour some of our community's most noteworthy volunteers who are engaged in all facets of society in the Outaouais.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Further details on the winners, the awards and the Community Awards Banquet are available in the Community section of the association's new web site www.westquebecers.ca.

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