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Airdrie Recognizes Volunteers in Their Community

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie is encouraging residents to nominate their friends and neighbours who are making a difference in the community by volunteering in some capacity. The Volunteers of the Year Award acknowledges outstanding contributions of Airdrie’s volunteers.

“Research shows volunteers are happier, healthier, and more satisfied with life,” says Clay Aragon, Family Community Support Services (FCSS) Coordinator for the City of Airdrie. “Volunteers provide so many benefits to the community and we want to recognize these essential and selfless contributions. By recognizing volunteers, we hope to encourage more people to become active in the community through volunteerism.”

In the months leading up to the Volunteer of the Year Award Ceremony to be held on April 20, 2011, the City of Airdrie will be showcasing past volunteer winners at Airdrie City Hall, Genesis Place and other locations throughout the City.

Residents can be nominated for the Volunteers of the Year Award by filling out an application. Please visit www.airdrie.ca or Airdrie City Hall (400 Main Street) for an application form. The volunteer nomination categories are as follows:

- 1. Leader of Tomorrow Award:** The Leader of Tomorrow Award recognizes a youth (11 to 18 years) who have shown leadership in the City of Airdrie through his/her volunteer involvement.
- 2. Ambassador Award:** This Award is conferred to an Airdrie Citizen (proprietor) or a business entity that has made an outstanding contribution in promoting the City of Airdrie as a place for community and opportunity through volunteerism and philanthropy.
- 3. Soul of Airdrie Award:** This Award is conferred to an Airdrie citizen who has made an outstanding contribution as a volunteer in the fields of art and culture, athletics, social and community services, and/or governance. This individual demonstrates a passion for helping others become resilient contributing members of the community.
- 4. Volunteer Advocate Award:** The Volunteer Advocate Award is conferred to a not-for-profit organization, a volunteer-comprised grassroots committee and/or a community group that has demonstrated community leadership by engaging citizens through volunteerism.

Nomination deadline is March 31, 2011. Previously nominated individuals may be nominated again. Any individual, organization, association or business in Airdrie may be nominated for these awards. To learn more about the nomination criteria, please visit us online at www.airdrie.ca. The Volunteers of the Year Award presentation will be on Wednesday April 20, 2011.

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