

Our Past Recipients 2010

YOUTH GOOD NEIGHBOURS AWARDS 2010



Yichen Zhong
Alexandra NH



Stanley Chen
Cedar Cottage NH



Kirstie Feng
Frog Hollow NH



Laura Finkler Kemeny
Kitsilano NH



Christian Ruttle
Little Mountain NH



Adelle Sium
Mount Pleasant NH



Shayla Leggett
Sasamat Outdoor Centre



Scott Lien
South Burnaby NH



Betty Wen
South Vancouver NH

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Ruth Sebastien
Alexandra NH



Claudia Sjoberg
Cedar Cottage NH



Teresa Dalby
Collingwood NH



Frog Hollow Soccer Skills Team
Frog Hollow NH



Nelson Lee
Gordon NH



Dang Bui
Little Mountain NH



Phan Van Quang
Mount Pleasant NH



Kirsten Bevelander
Sasamat Outdoor Centre



Maryam Fathi
South Burnaby NH



Mohinder Sidhu
South Vancouver NH

and Alexander Bowie who was unable to attend the event.

CORPORATE GOOD NEIGHBOURS AWARD 2010



Capers Whole Foods Market

The Corporate Good Neighbours Award was presented to Capers Whole Foods Market. Capers Whole Foods Markets opened its first store on Marine Drive in West Vancouver more than 20 years ago, and is now Canada's leading natural and organic foods retailer with four locations in Metro Vancouver. Capers has been instrumental in laying the foundation for the growth of the organic and natural foods industry in Vancouver.

Capers Community Market has provided tremendous support to Gordon Neighbourhood House over the last six years. They have generously assisted the Neighbourhood House during many annual community events such as car washes, BBQ's, clothing drives and even donated the proceeds of parking revenue generated during the Festival of Lights. Capers strong influence is felt in many of the Neighbourhood House programs providing baked items, drinks and fruit for participants of Youth Search, Out of School Care, Creative Play Time, West End Seniors Affordable Housing Initiative, Seniors Housing Action Group Meetings, Multi-Lingual Women's Support Groups, The Nest, Coffee Corner and recently the Community Kitchen Program. Capers social awareness, generosity and gracious accessibility is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

We thank Capers for their continued support and contributions to Gordon Neighbourhood House, ANHBC and in turn, positively affecting the lives of our neighbours.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD 2010

(It was known as “Lower Mainland Good Neighbours Award” in year 2007”)



Arlene Robinson

We were extremely honoured to present our annual BC Good Neighbour Award to Arlene Robinson. She was born in Flin Flon Manitoba during the Great Depression. Her first exposure to Neighbourhood Houses was as a youth attending Kitsilano Neighbourhood House when her family moved to B.C.

Her early experience in the NH movement shaped many endeavours she has undertaken in her life and has left a lasting impression. In 1997, Arlene became a founding member of the Cowichan Neighbourhood House Association (CNHA). Arlene has served as the Chair of the Steering Committee as well as a number of volunteer roles for the past 15 years. The Cowichan Neighbourhood House, located in Chemainus on Vancouver Island, serves as a community resource centre, a youth drop-in centre and a “home away from home” for members of the community. CNHA plays an essential role in filling in the gaps in services in the rural community of Chemainus. CNHA has been run entirely by volunteers since it opened its doors 15 years ago.

It is a credit to Arlene’s character that the organization has sustained itself for so many years due to her dedication and perseverance. Her energy and passion has inspired many others to contribute their time and energy. This past year Arlene was appointed by the Municipality of North Cowichan to the Chemainus Advisory Committee. She is a member of Kiwanis and the Chemainus Chamber of Commerce. She also volunteers her time to Emergency Social Services, Canadian Mental Health, gives communion in church and sits on the South Island Community Connection Council. Arlene is a mother of 7, grandmother of 15 and great grandmother to a growing number of children. She recently retired from real estate at 72 years old. Arlene’s legacy and the values she has lived by continue on in the spirit of B.C.’s Neighbourhood House Movement and we honour her unfailing devotion to her community and celebrate her leadership and strength.