



FRIEND OF THE FAMILY AWARD

Lethbridge Family Services presented its first “Friend of the Family” award on Thursday, September 8, 1988.

This award honored and celebrated those individuals, groups, organizations in Southern Alberta who have meaningfully contributed to the strengthening of family life and the promotion of its values in society.

In the beginning, the award was presented monthly (September – May) to the most outstanding nominee based on:

- Excellence in service to a family life cause or issue;
- Excellence in direct service to a family or families;
- Significant charitable donations dedicated to the support of family-serving institutions or organizations or
- A highly exemplary action on behalf of an individual, distressed family

From 1992-1995, the “Friend of the Family” award given out every quarter. Another change occurred in 1996; the awards were presented annually to one nominee from each of the following two categories - Individual and/or Business, group or non-profit organization.

Here is a list of the previous recipients of the Friend of the Family Award:

September 1988	Leonard Bastien
October 1988	Palliative Care Coordinating Council
November 1988	Wendy Jo Miller
December 1988	Lethbridge Lodge Laundry
January 1989	Eric Kokko
February 1989	The Samaritans
March 1989	Dr. Gene & Mrs. Lorraine Boehme
April 1989	Randal Arndt, Director of Rehabilitation Services with the Canadian Paraplegic Association
May 1989	Bill and Eleanor Skelton



September 1989	Grant Harker, Director of the Social Work Department, Lethbridge Regional Hospital
October 1989	Lethbridge Soup Kitchen
November 1989	Jenny Skinner, Lethbridge Food Bank
November 1989	Ed Taylor, Lethbridge Food Bank
December 1989	CATV Channel 12
January 1990	Elspeth Walker
February 1990	Diana Johnson
March 1990	Pastor Ron Bjorgan
April 1990	Catholic Charities Food Bank
May 1990	Dr. David Davies
September 1990	Shannon Geer
October 1990	Margaret van Biert
November 1990	Lorita Ichikawa
December 1990	Tom Cain, Peoples First Association
January 1991	Craig & Darcy Sorpold - Rax Restaurant
February 1991	Pat & Greg Robinson
March 1991	Dan Neihaus - Westwind Gymnastic Club
Fall 1991	Dr. Terrence C Smith
Winter 1992	The Samaritans
Spring 1992	Reverend & Mrs. William Roycroft
Summer 1992	Mona Sams
Fall 1992	Lee Spice
Winter 1993	Camille Kobayshi
Spring 1993	Maureen Burke



Spring 1993	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Effect Conference Coordinating Committee
Summer 1993	Bill & Judy Peta
Summer 1993	Constable Jackie Sudworth
Fall 1993	Derek Malcolm
Fall 1993	Cara Tiechrob
Fall 1993	Gerard Van Schothorst
Winter 1994	Yvonne & Dick Kerber
Spring 1994	Mary Oordt
Summer 1994	YMCA
Fall 1994	Betty Cronquist
Winter 1995	Constable Gary Clark
Spring 1995	John Williams
Summer 1995	Murphy Urness
Fall 1995	Lud & Marlene Sterba
Winter 1996	Leroy Lyczewski
Winter 1996	John Cronquist
Spring 1996	Cybelle Noronha
Spring 1996	Rick & Darlene Smith
Summer 1996	Read On Adult Literacy Program
Summer 1996	Staff of Beehive Craft & Wedding Shoppe
Fall 1996	Sisters of Saint Martha
Fall 1996	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Effect Support Group
Winter 1997	Mary Ann Zimmer
1996 - 1997	Jackie Fiorino



1996 - 1997	Marian Biggins
1996 - 1997	Moxie's Lethbridge
1996 - 1997	Independent Order of Foresters Court - Windy West
1997 - 1998	Leonard Binning
1997 - 1998	Family Festival Committee
1997 - 1998	Dr. Don Massey
1997 - 1998	Dr. Doug Myhre
1997 - 1998	Dr. William (Bill) Nelson
1998 - 1999	Bert & Mac's Sportsw
1998 - 1999	Dave Parsons
1998 - 1999	Taber Response Project
1998 - 1999	Taber Response Team
1998 - 1999	Sharon Herman-Loran
1998 - 1999	Crowsnest Pass Women's Resource Crisis Centre
1999 - 2000	Ron Burr
September 2001	Val Scheck
September 2001	Domestic Violence Action Team
2001 - 2002	Adoptive Parents Support Group
2001 - 2002	St. Patricks Church Refugee Committee
2002 - 2003	Woja Yongo
2002 - 2003	Rotary Club East
2003 - 2004	The Staff of Thriftlodge Motel
2003 - 2004	Sobeys Scenic Square
2004 - 2005	1st Choice Savings & Credit Union Ltd



2005 - 2006	Dr. James Evanson
2005 - 2006	Val Christman
2005 - 2006	Dr. Merrill Steed
2006 - 2007	Connie Cook
2006 - 2007	Mary & Garry Allison
2007 - 2008	Mark Campbell
2008	Erv Fehr
2009	Ali Ajani
2010	Host Program Volunteers (10) LFS Immigrant Services
2010	The Real Canadian Superstore - Ken Tanagam, Manager
2011	McDonalds Restaurant #3846 - Ivan Harris and Helen Wall
2012	Hometime Property Service Ltd - Stuart Maddaford and Team
2013	Kamal Dahal
2013	Crazy Cakes
2014	The Ensuite by Emco
2014	Zakari Murakami of Stokes Pharmacy
2015	Steve Keiver of College Ford
2015	Mike Spencer of Geomatic Attic
2015	Stantec
2015	Browns Socialhouse
2016	Trevor Stuart
2016	Lethbridge Food Bank
2017	George Ney
2017	Canadian Tire (South and North)



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2018	Bob and Ruth Thompson
2018	Lethbridge School District #51
2019	Alexis Sakamoto and Ron Sakamoto
2019	Lethbridge Fit Body Boot Camp