



OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD FOR ONTARIO DAIRY WOMEN

"Family farms serve a larger purpose than agricultural production they are the core foundation of community life." Glen Elder Jr. University of North Carolina

The purpose of this award is to recognize the efforts and highlight the work and accomplishments of Ontario women who have devoted their lives in an effort to serve, promote and enhance the dairy industry.

Through their dedication they have helped to inspire others with their passion. Contributions may be through their own family farms, with the 4-H program, local breed associations, provincial committees or boards, national boards or through formal work which all working together help to promote and preserve the dairy farm and industry in Ontario.

Whether these are wives, mothers, sisters, aunts, women tend to be the keystone in the development of many communities. They are the essential element which brings together ideas and people in such a way that "families" whether they are the typical family unit, committees or organizations work really well together. I think it is vital to recognize the efforts of these particular women who have been the founders and care givers of the organizations and leaders we have today in this industry. They empower others, inspire others, manage details, volunteer and serve others, value teamwork, carry others and boost their emotional stamina and finally they give both their children and/or organizations "Roots and Wings". We are all bundles of potential and possibilities. Women who chose to help others through expressing hope and encouragement to assist them in planning goals that will give others whether young or old a real sense of meaning and happiness in their lives.

Award Information:

- Award winner will be chosen for the first 5 years by a selected panel of volunteers (women in the industry) and with each winning year, that winner will take the place of one of the volunteers until the committee is comprised of all winners and then at that time the 6th winner will replace the first and so on.
- Committee members Wendy Hassen, Gay Lea; Tara Bullock, Secretary of Peterborough County Holstein Club; Phyllis McMaster, OMAFRA; Katherine Lambert, Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Secretary and 4-H Ontario Regional Specialist.
- Each county will receive a nomination package to submit, nominations to be sent to Tara Bullock, which will then be forwarded on to the rest of the panel.
- Award will be presented solely on the information obtained in the nomination form. Nominations need not be re-submitted each year if already sent in.
- Award will be announced and presented to the winner at the Ontario Branch Annual Meeting each February.

Nomination Forms will be comprised of the following:

- Volunteer Experience
- Community Contributions
- Personal comments from Nominator in regards to the actual tangible results you have seen or benefitted from the work this woman has done. (2 letters of support to be submitted)