VOLUNTEER AWARDS PROGRAM

Bladder Cancer Canada (BCC) is grateful for the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who enable us to advance our mission across the nation, and we endeavour to recognise the outstanding achievements of those who go 'above and beyond' year-round. One of the means of acknowledging and celebrating our most dedicated volunteers is our Volunteer Awards Program.

Nomination Process:
All volunteers of BCC are invited to use the nomination form to nominate an exceptional peer whose efforts meet the criteria of the Volunteer Excellence Award, Volunteer Appreciation Award or Student Leadership Award. The **minimum duration of service indicated in each category is a guideline**, extenuating circumstances will be considered.

Selection Process:
The Volunteer Award Panel will review each nomination to confirm the volunteer's eligibility and to reach a consensus in terms of award selection.

Delivery Process:
Every attempt will be made to deliver the award within two months of the announcement in January and presented to recipients in person by the nominator (when possible), ideally at an event in front of peers.

VOLUNTEER AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

THE FOUNDERS' AWARD

Bladder Cancer Canada's Co-founders, Jack Moon and David Guttman, formed BCC in 2009 when they realised there was a critical lack of information and emotional support for bladder cancer patients like themselves. David and Jack dedicated countless hours toward their vision and passion to improve the landscape for bladder cancer patients, and they continue to do so to this day.

The Founders' Award honours a distinguished volunteer for visionary and passionate endeavours in multiple program areas or on a national level, which have significantly impacted the advancement of Bladder Cancer Canada's mission. The optimal duration of continuous service to be considered for this award is a minimum of four (4) years.

(This award is nominated by members of BCC's staff or Board of Directors)

MEDICAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to a medical professional who has demonstrated a long-standing and hands-on commitment to supporting Bladder Cancer Canada's strategic plan in terms of research, patient care and/or advocacy. The recipient of this award has positively impacted quality of care in bladder cancer through either: 1) transformational research; or 2) patient connectedness and education.

(Members of BCC's Board of Directors, MAB select one (1) recipient of this award per year)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to an exemplary student volunteer who has inspired their peers to join their efforts in supporting BCC's mission, through activities beyond their studies that demonstrated leadership. Recipients of this award must be enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary education program or have completed said program within the last year. The optimal duration of continuous service to be considered for this award is a minimum of two (2) years.

EXCELLENCE IN CANADA WALKS FOR BLADDER CANCER

This award is presented to a volunteer who was involved in planning a Canada Walks for Bladder Cancer event in their community, either as a walk lead, co-lead, or walk committee member. This volunteer was responsive and engaged with the BCC staff and grew the local event through increased participation, revenue, awareness and/or new/creative initiatives. The optimal duration of continuous service to be considered for this award is a minimum of two (2) years.

EXCELLENCE IN SUPPORT PROGRAMS

This award is presented to a volunteer who has provided exceptional support to others in the bladder cancer community through the One2One Support Program, Support Groups or the Discussion Forum. This volunteer went over and above to build community and support others. The optimal duration of continuous service to be considered for this award is a minimum of two (2) years.

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY & LEADERSHIP

This award is presented to a volunteer who has made an impact on the bladder cancer community nationally or regionally. This volunteer is involved in multiple programs at BCC and went over and above to build community, some examples include through the annual walk, recruiting new volunteers or acting as a mentor. The optimal duration of continuous service to be considered for this award is a minimum of two (2) years.

APPRECIATION – PUBLIC AWARENESS

This award is presented to a volunteer who has made a significant impact in raising awareness about bladder cancer, its symptoms, and Bladder Cancer Canada during the nomination year. This person has shared person their story with the general public through media interviews, awareness tables, the BCC Podcast, education events, community outreach and/or public speaking engagements.

APPRECIATION – NEW VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to a new volunteer within the past two (2) years, who has made a significant impact on the mission of Bladder Cancer Canada (support, awareness, research funding). This volunteer has helped build community and took on multiple roles/projects at BCC.