



2009 Fire Fighter Focus



2008-2009 Awards of Excellence Winners

Each year, Muscular Dystrophy Canada awards fire departments for their outstanding achievements in fundraising, public relations and advocacy and increasing awareness of the unique partnership between Fire Fighters and Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Congratulations to all award winners and our sincerest thanks to Fire Fighters across British Columbia and the Yukon for your continued dedication and commitment to people living with neuromuscular disorders.

Bill Grindlay Award: Department of the Year

The Department of the Year Award was renamed in 1998 in honor of Mr. Bill Grindlay, retired Fire Fighter of Burnaby Fire Department. Mr. Grindlay has supported Muscular Dystrophy Canada since 1968. In 1974 he became the Muscular Dystrophy Canada Chair for his department and in 1975, was elected to the National Board of Directors where he served for 17 years. Each year, this award is given to a department who has shown outstanding service in fund and awareness raising, public relations and advocacy.

Bill Grindlay Department of the Year

Public Relations Award

Up-And-Coming Department Award

Top Single Department Boot Drive

Top Multi-Department Boot Drive

Top Single Department Event

Top Multi-Department Event

Fundraising Award \$50,000+

Fundraising Award \$40,000-\$50,000

Fundraising Award \$30,000-\$40,000

Fundraising Award \$20,000-\$30,000

Fundraising Award \$10,000-\$20,000

Fundraising Award \$7,000-\$10,000

Fundraising Award \$5,000-\$7,000

Fundraising Award \$3,000-\$5,000

Fundraising Award \$1,000-\$3,000

Langford Fire Rescue

Nanaimo Fire Fighters, Local 905

Campbell River Volunteer Fire Fighters

Burnaby Fire Fighters, Local 323

Lower Vancouver Island Fire Fighters

Smithers Fire Department Harley Raffle

Lower Vancouver Is. Fire Fighter Boot Drive

Mesachie Group Fire Fighters

Smithers Fire Department

Burnaby Fire Fighters, Local 323

Cowichan Valley Fire Fighters

Vernon Fire Fighters, Local 1517

Jaffray Volunteer Fire Department

Kimberly Fire Department

Prince Rupert Fire Fighters, Local 559

Otter Point Fire Department

Bill Grindlay Department of the Year: Langford Fire Rescue



Left to right: Kelly Zado, Niomi Davidson, Leana, Jennifer and Kerry Zado

This past year, Langford Fire Rescue made an exceptional contribution in fundraising, building awareness and generating positive public relations for Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Under the leadership of Kerry Zado, Langford forged strong community partnerships with local businesses, and close personal relationships with Chapter members and families; evidence of their true commitment to this cause. For over 25 years, this group of Fire Fighters has given to their community every day and then donated every bit of additional time and energy to Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Langford Fire Rescue is an inspiration to this organization, to families affected by neuromuscular disorders and to fire departments across the province and country.

How Your Dollars Help

Since 1954, Fire Fighters and Muscular Dystrophy Canada have been committed to improving the quality of life for tens of thousands of Canadians with neuromuscular disorders. Our mission is to eliminate neuromuscular disorders, but until then, we seek strength, mobility, and independence for all people affected.

Here's how your dollars are making a difference in the lives of Canadians affected:



10 year-old Jordan Wright and Mom Tiina

Research: Since its inception, Muscular Dystrophy Canada has provided over \$60 million dollars in funding to Canadian scientists who are determined to discover the causes, treatments, and eventual cures for muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders.

Services: We provide information, education, and referrals to help persons with neuromuscular disorders and their families find solutions to problems they face in their daily lives. We supply basic mobility equipment, such as scooters, wheelchairs, and hospital beds.

Advocacy: We engage in social action to ensure that people with neuromuscular disorders can participate fully in all aspects of daily living. We aim to do this by working with other organizations to bring about policy changes at the provincial and federal level, and by providing volunteers in community offices.

Here are a few things you helped us to accomplish in 2008:

- Helped to fund over \$4 million dollars in cutting edge neuromuscular research
- Helped provide families with more than \$3 million dollars worth of equipment
- Made more than 18,000 phone calls to support people affected by neuromuscular disorders
- Distributed almost 2,500 information kits to clients and loved ones