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Rideau Hall, Ottawa, Canada

Danielle Launière - Calgary, Alberta

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, presented the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award to 26 volunteers from various sectors, on April 25, 2013, during a ceremony at Rideau Hall. This event was part of His Excellency's program to highlight National Volunteer Week, from April 21 to 27, 2013.

For over 33 years, Danielle Launière has been a volunteer within Calgary's Francophone community. Her contributions have centred primarily on the Paroisse Sainte-Famille, the Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta, Régionale de Calgary, the Société de théâtre de Calgary, and the Société franco-canadienne de Calgary. In addition, she helped to develop a school program, and to establish a French-language television channel and newspaper in Calgary.

Since National Volunteer Week in April 2012, the contributions of more than 250 volunteers from across the country have been recognized with the Caring Canadian Award.

Created in 1995, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award recognizes living Canadians and permanent residents who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contribution to their community, in Canada or abroad. Often working behind the scenes, these individuals volunteer their time and efforts to help their fellow citizens. The award also brings to light the example set by volunteers, whose compassion and engagement are a part of our Canadian character.

Credit: Cpl Roxanne Shewchuk, Rideau Hall, OSGG