

In the tradition of honouring hospice volunteers and in memory of the late June Callwood, Hospice Palliative Care Ontario is pleased to announce our annual call for inductions into the June Callwood Award Circle of Outstanding Volunteers.

The June Callwood Award was established in 1994 by the Hospice Association of Ontario, joined in 2011 with Ontario Palliative Care Association to form Hospice Palliative Care Ontario, to acknowledge and thank outstanding hospice volunteers throughout Ontario. The award was named in honour of the late June Callwood, the Award Patron, long-time advocate of hospice, community activist, author and recipient of the Order of Canada. June was a recipient of this award in 1995.

Volunteers are special people - a view strongly held by Ms. Callwood and expressed by her on many occasions, during interviews on TV and radio, through her warm message of support at HAO's annual conferences and through her writing. Her book, *Twelve Weeks in Spring*, captured the spirit of hospice and emphasized the importance of the many and varied contributions of a team of volunteers.

In all her years as a journalist, author, broadcaster and humanitarian, June Callwood's name became synonymous with integrity, talent and passion for social justice. She has touched the lives of generations of Canadians by giving that passion expression through her words and through her work in the service of those in need.

Hospice Palliative Care Ontario, through the June Callwood Circle of Outstanding Volunteers honours not only June, her tireless commitment and contributions to the hospice movement but also those who receive this prestigious annual award.

**Nomination Deadline:** Nominations for the award are accepted annually until March 1. **Once the online system closes, no late submissions will be accepted, and no extensions will be granted.**

**Eligibility:** Each hospice in Ontario that is a HPCO organizational member, is invited to nominate one volunteer from within their organization who exemplifies the spirit of hospice volunteerism. Each nominee - strictly by virtue of the organization's nomination - will be inducted into the June Callwood Circle of Outstanding Volunteers.

**Award Criteria:**

- Inductees must be registered as a volunteer with a hospice that is an organizational member of Hospice Palliative Care Ontario
- Inductees must not be previous recipients of the June Callwood Award
- The Inductee is an individual who consistently extends him/herself beyond the usual requirements of the volunteer role
- Each inductee should have demonstrated to their hospice the following attributes:
  - Selfless service
  - Generosity of spirit
  - Compassion
  - A commitment to excellence as a volunteer

### **The Nomination Process**

1. Select one volunteer recipient using your own process and based on the award criteria.
2. The executive director/agency head or board chair must approve of the nomination. Register your nominee online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JuneCall2021>.
3. Your nominee will receive a letter of congratulations from HPCO and additional information about conference with a copy to the hospice nominator.
4. When completing your nomination online you will be asked for the following information: (all fields are mandatory)
  - Your hospice name
  - Your contact information
  - Nominees name
  - Nominees mailing address
  - Nominees contact information
  - Nominees years of service with your hospice
  - Briefly (100 words or less) describe why you have chosen your nominee. This will be included in the award booklet.
  - One sentence that captures the key attribute of your inductee. For example. *“Gayle is known for her beaming smile that lights up a room or Dave is famous for the homemade bread he brings in for the families.* This will be used to introduce the inductee at the award ceremony.”

### **Frequently Asked Question**

#### **May we nominate more than one volunteer, such as a team of two?**

No. Only one nominee per hospice, per year, with the exception of spousal partners in which case the fees are payable for each person.