

**Dan Bulger : 1 of 12 Outstanding Canadians appointed to the YMCA Fellowship of Honour.
The Honourable Senator Ratna Omidvar recognizes Dan Bulger
at the 2024 Investiture Ceremony**

Sept. 25, 2024, Cobourg, ON - Today, one of Canada's longest-serving YMCA volunteers, Dan Bulger, was awarded the YMCA Fellowship of Honour Officer Award, recognizing his more than 46 years of service to YMCA Northumberland. The Honourable Senator Ratna Omidvar presented the medal during a ceremony at the Rideau Club in Ottawa, celebrating 12 inductees' contributions to building stronger communities throughout YMCA Canada.

"We are very proud of and grateful to Dan," says YMCA Northumberland President & CEO Eunice Kirkpatrick. "His leadership and 46+ years of dedication and passion have helped to build a stronger, healthier YMCA that, in turn, strengthens Northumberland. Dan's investment of time, energy and talent in serving others has created a legacy that will be felt for generations."

Dan has made an extraordinary impact through his leadership in the organization and the community. From pioneering and running the Waterpower Fitness Class for over 46 years to serving on the Board of Directors and leading significant fundraising efforts, his contributions have strengthened YMCA programming and enriched countless lives across Northumberland County. Dan's passion for service, philanthropy, and community-building embodies the YMCA's values.

"I am truly humbled and honoured to receive this appointment," Dan confides. "The work that the Y does in our communities is so very important, and I hope I can continue to help my Y grow and strengthen its mission."

To commemorate this milestone, YMCA Northumberland is launching the **Daniel J. Bulger Fellowship of Honour Fund**, which is dedicated to expanding programming and providing services inspired by his work. This initiative is a tribute to his remarkable efforts and a means of continuing his impact. Donations to the Daniel J. Bulger Fellowship of Honour Fund can be made online or through YMCA Northumberland's Membership Services.

The YMCA Fellowship of Honour has recognized the exceptional service of volunteers and staff since its inception in 1978. The induction of YMCA leaders takes place every three to four years under the patronage of the Governor General of Canada. Dan Bulger and 11 other honourees join only 123 other exemplary Canadians chosen to be honoured in one of two categories: a Companion award recognizes outstanding national or international leadership, and an Officer award acknowledges local or regional leadership contributions. Dan joins the Fellowship as an Officer.

These committed Canadians have collectively provided distinguished service to the YMCA in communities from coast to coast. "Each of these individuals is a shining example of what it means to give back to the community," said Peter Dinsdale, YMCA Canada's President and CEO. "Their passion for helping to ensure a sense of belonging for all has created ripples of positive impact in communities across Canada and worldwide. We deeply appreciate each person's contributions, which remind us of the lasting and tremendous impact one dedicated individual can make."

ABOUT THE YMCA FELLOWSHIP OF HONOUR

The appointments to the YMCA Fellowship of Honour are governed by a selection process established by the YMCA Fellowship of Honour Constitution and directed by an Advisory Council composed of a Canadian YMCA leader as Chair, at least three Canadians who have served the YMCA with distinction, the Chair of the YMCA Board and the national President and Chief Executive Officer. The Council considers nominations received from throughout the Canadian movement and recommends appointments to the National Board for approval. Each recipient receives a Fellowship of Honour Medal designed by award-winning artist Dora de Pedery-Hunt, a framed citation and commemorative lapel pin and is featured in a book of Fellowship of Honour recipients.

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ABOUT YMCA NORTHUMBERLAND

As a charity, YMCA Northumberland provides vital community services that have a positive impact on pressing social issues—from chronic disease to unemployment, social isolation, poverty, inequality and more. The Strong Community Campaign helps countless children, teens, adults, and seniors in the community. YMCA Canada is one of the longest standing and largest charities nationally, with a presence in Canada since 1851 and now serving more than 2.1 million people annually across 1,700 program locations.

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Dan Bulger with his Fellowship of Honour Officer Medal



Dan Bulger receiving his medal from the Honourable Senator Ratna Omidvar, with Nik Nanos, Chair of the YMCA Fellowship of Honour Advisory Council

