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Town of Pictou Announces 2016 Volunteer of the Year

Pictou, NS – Each year, communities all across Canada celebrate National Volunteer Week. **National Volunteer Week 2016** takes place from **April 10 to April 16**. The primary purpose of this specially designated week is to thank and honour people who donate their time to help others by supporting the causes in which they believe. Volunteer Week also serves to reinforce the human values that volunteering represents and increase awareness of the vital importance of volunteerism to our communities. Each year a call is put out to organizations in the Town of Pictou for nominations of residents who have contributed through volunteering their time in making our Town a better place to live. The Town of Pictou is very proud to have Sadie O'Hearn as our 2016 Volunteer of the Year. Sadie will have the opportunity to attend the Provincial Volunteer Reception in Halifax on April 4th this year where he will celebrate volunteerism with other communities across the province.

Sadie is a wonderful volunteer who has been volunteering with the Stella Maris Catholic Women's League for over 51 years. She has served in various offices including President. Sadie coordinates funeral receptions and volunteers at the Pictou Food Bank and the Star of the Sea Centre. She is also a member of the Parish Hall Restoration Committee, Women's Institute and Congregation of Notre Dame Associates. Sadie coordinates a takeout meal fundraiser for the Pictou Lobster Carnival and hosts a Christmas meal for the Pictou firefighters. These are just a few of the many events, fundraisers and dinners where Sadie makes a difference. Bravo and thank you very much, Sadie. The Town of Pictou is very proud to have Sadie as our 2016 Volunteer of the Year.

The Pictou Volunteer Reception is an annual event that the Town hosts each year where many of the volunteer organizations in Town attend for an evening of entertainment, refreshments and a guest speaker presentation. For more information on how you can become a volunteer and get involved in your community visit the Town's website at www.townofpictou.ca or call Pictou Recreation and Parks at 485-4372.