



LE RÉSEAU DU MIEUX-ÊTRE
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Recipients of Recognition Awards

North Bay – June 7, 2019 - The Réseau awarded its annual recognition awards to a health service provider and a community group or engaged individual committed to improving access and equity in French. This year's recipients are Pierre Bélanger of Timmins and the Alzheimer Society Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay & Districts.

Recognition Award for a Health Service Provider



Linda Brown, Monique Beaulieu, Maryse Raymond, Stéphanie Leclair, Lise Anne Boissonneault from the Alzheimer Society Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay & Districts and Diane Quintas, Executive Director of the Réseau

The recipient of the health service provider recognition award is the Alzheimer Society Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay & Districts. The award was presented by The Réseau's Executive Director, Diane Quintas. The Alzheimer Society has made considerable efforts to improve access and equity to French language services within their organization. Nearly 50% of their employees have French language skills. The board and all of their employees have completed the interactive online training on active offer and the latter is now part of the orientation of all new employees. They continue to work toward attaining their goals of improving French language services, while striving to meet their designation criteria.

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Recognition Award for the Community

The recipient of the community recognition award is Pierre Bélanger from Timmins. The award was presented by Sylvie Sylvestre, Community Engagement and Planning Officer, Cochrane Region. Pierre is a former teacher and a founding member of the Board of Directors of the *Centre de santé communautaire francophone de Timmins*. He worked tirelessly for more than 30 years to help the community obtain a Francophone community health centre. He has made and continues to make a difference in the francophone community of Timmins by working on identifying the challenges and improving French language health care services.

Many health service providers, community groups and individuals are committed to improving access and equity to French language health services. Since 2017, the *Réseau* recognizes the contribution of its partners in improving access and equity of French-language health services by presenting Recognition awards. We wish to congratulate all the nominees and their contribution toward improving French language services.

For more information regarding the *Réseau's* Recognition Awards, visit the *Réseau's* website at www.rmefno.ca.

The *Réseau*, in collaboration with its partners, plans, networks and engages with communities to improve access and equity to French language health services.

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*Sylvie Sylvestre, Planning and
Community Engagement Officer and
Pierre Bélanger of Timmins*

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