

## Leo Finnegan Distinguished Service Award

### Background:

The Leo Finnegan Distinguished Service Award (LFDSA) was established in 2022. The award recognizes individuals or organizations that have demonstrated dedication to and support of the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital (PECMH) Foundation's vision, mission, and strategic imperatives and priorities through their ongoing commitment, outstanding contributions, and service.

This award honours and is named for Leo Finnegan, a past Chairperson of the PECMH Foundation and a former PECMH Foundation Board Director, as well as a tireless volunteer with a wide range of community organizations, including those supporting healthcare over the years.

### Overview:

The LFDSA honours an individual or organization that demonstrates outstanding volunteer effort to advance the role and service of the PECMH Foundation. Accomplishments can include philanthropic leadership, organizational leadership, community support development, fundraising, donor stewardship, and public awareness efforts to contribute to the health of the people of Prince Edward County (PEC).

Anyone can be nominated for this award, provided it is for their contributions while volunteering. The nominee may not be compensated/paid for the activity being recognized.

Nominations will be accepted from any individual or organization.

Recipients of this prestigious award will have significantly impacted the health and well-being of our community due to their sustained volunteerism and leadership.

A strong nomination will demonstrate:

- Sustained leadership and impact on the health and well-being of the people of PEC through volunteer service associated with PECMH Foundation;
- Participation in activities or events that have enhanced the reputation and brand of PECMH Foundation;
- Quality of work accomplished for PECMH Foundation;
- Strength of commitment;
- Length of volunteer service;
- Contributions above and beyond what would typically be expected in the nominee's primary role relating to the PECMH Foundation;
- Achievements that will have a strong positive impact on the Foundation;
- Contributions to the PECMH Foundation's success as a whole.

Nominators are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible. The nomination should include specific examples and supporting evidence that details the nominee's exceptional qualities and their history of exemplary volunteer service.



**Nomination Process:**

**Deadline:** Nomination must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026.

The nomination and selection process is strictly confidential. Nominations will be kept on file in confidence for five years.

**Submission of the nomination:**

Please send the electronic file and supporting documents to PECMH Foundation c/o Briar Boyce, senior development officer [70bboyce@quintehealth.ca](mailto:70bboyce@quintehealth.ca).

Please use the subject line of your email: **Confidential, Leo Finnegan Distinguished Service Award Nomination.**

Please contact PECMH Foundation at 613-476-1008, ext. 4425, if electronic submission is impossible or if you do not receive confirmation that the file has been received.

**Selection Notification and Recognition:**

Once the PECMH Foundation Marketing and Communications Committee has reviewed the nominations, successful nominees and their nominators will be contacted. For unsuccessful nominations, only the lead nominator will be notified, as nominees may not be aware they were put forward. At the Foundation's discretion, unsuccessful nominations may be carried forward to the following year.

Successful award recipients will be formally recognized at the PECMH Foundation's Annual Meeting in late June and profiled on the Foundation's website and social media channels. Recipients will also be celebrated through a PECMH Foundation news release, subject to permission.

**Thank you for helping us recognize our community's most valuable asset: volunteers.**

*An award may not be granted annually, and the PECMH Foundation Marketing and Communications Committee decides at its discretion.*