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## **LDAS ANNOUNCES THIS YEAR'S AWARD WINNERS**

**(Sudbury, ON)** – The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury (LDAS) will be hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraising Awards Dinner at the Holiday Inn on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The aim of this annual event is to recognize individuals and community partners that have contributed to the successful and continuous growth of the organization.

The LDAS is proud to announce that awards will be handed out to the following recipients:

### **Jayne Anderson - Outstanding Student Award**

This award recognizes a student who has been successful despite having been identified with a learning disability (LD). Jayme Anderson has used her strengths and developed strategies to overcome the challenges of an LD. She is a mentor to many within the LD community and beyond.

### **Monique Paquette - Ron Lessard Outstanding Parent Award**

This award recognizes a parent of a child who has been identified with a learning disability. Monique Paquette has always been a steady, reliable and attentive presence in her child's life. She is always seeking any knowledge that may help with her child's success.

### **Yvan Roy – Outstanding Volunteer Award**

The LDAS Outstanding Volunteer Award will be awarded to Yvan Roy for providing committed and dedicated service to the LD community. Yvan Roy is an Assistive Technologist at the Glenn Crombie Centre at Cambrian College, providing guidance and inspiration to thousands of students with LD. Yvan also volunteered many years of service to LDAS as a member of the Board of Directors and has offered many workshops and one-on-one sessions with students, parents and educators.

### **Sherry Conroy - Outstanding Educator Award (RDSB)**

The LDAS Outstanding Educator Award recognizes an exceptional educator within the Rainbow District School Board. Sherry Conroy has always gone above and beyond to ensure that students with learning disabilities are successful. Sherry is one of the co-authors of the IEP Learning Companion, a document developed by a team of educators to support students with learning disabilities.

### **Krista Sarmatiuk - Outstanding Educator Award (SCDSB)**

The LDAS Outstanding Educator Award recognizes an exceptional educator within the Sudbury Catholic District School Board. Krista Sarmatiuk consistently supports, encourages, and advocates for the success of students with learning disabilities. She is always on a 'quest' to figure out how a child learns and how to reach every single student.

### **Northern Ontario Assessment and Resource Centre (NOARC) – Corporate Contribution Award**

The Northern Ontario Assessment and Resource Centre (NOARC) has provided Northern Ontario post-secondary students with high quality psycho-educational assessment services since 2004. Since its inception, NOARC has led several research and pilot projects in the area of Learning Disabilities, Mild Intellectual Disabilities, Assistive Technology and Mental Health. One project in particular has helped

school aged children with LD to apply learning strategies and assistive technology to help improve their academic performance.

**Abbas Homayed (Vice President/Publisher, Northern Life) - Outstanding Leadership Award**

The LDAS Outstanding Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has shown strong leadership and has focused on community engagement. Abbas Homayed volunteers his time with many organizations in our community including the Northern Ontario Centre for Learning Differences (NOCLD) as a member of their Board of Directors. The NOCLD is responsible for replicating the programs and services offered by the LDAS to the communities of North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins.

“With community support, amazing partnerships and funding from United Way, Ontario Trillium Foundation and others, LDAS has grown to be one of the most successful chapters across this province,” said Mary-Liz Warwick, Executive Director of the LDAS. “We want to honour all those individuals and organizations that have helped us become what we are today. An Awards Dinner is the perfect way to accomplish this goal.”

Tickets for this event are still available at a cost of \$75 each or \$600 for a table of eight. All of the proceeds from this event will go toward the LDAS We Are Not Alone campaign. This campaign helps fund a parent support program, produce parent resources and develop workshops. If you would like to buy tickets, become a sponsor or donate an item for our silent auction, please call our office at 705-522-0100.

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