

# The Allan Reynolds Volunteer of the Year Award

Food Allergy Canada is pleased to announce the creation of the **Allan Reynolds's Volunteer of the Year Award** which recognizes a special individual for their extraordinary volunteer contributions and leadership. Throughout the years, Food Allergy Canada has counted on and greatly valued the volunteers who devote their personal time to helping our organization support people with potentially life-threatening allergies.



## Criteria

- Shows passion and commitment for raising allergy awareness
- Their volunteer contributions provide extraordinary help or care to individuals and families affected by anaphylaxis
- Proven ability to rally support for the cause, through their own community
- Actively promotes Food Allergy Canada and its mission

## Selection

- Food Allergy Canada staff will provide ONE nominee to the Board of Directors and the Reynolds family for approval by February/end each year
- Not eligible: staff, consultants, current board directors

## About Allan Reynolds

This award is dedicated to **Allan Reynolds**, a long-time, inspiring volunteer and friend who passed away suddenly in January 2013. Allan first became involved with The Anaphylaxis Foundation of Canada in the late 90s and helped to merge it with The Anaphylaxis Network of Canada to form Anaphylaxis Canada in 2001.

Allan continued as a board director, guiding us with the wisdom of his many years in public relations and experience on other boards such as The Heart & Stroke Foundation and The Association in the Defence of the Wrongfully Convicted. His contribution was invaluable. During his time with our organization, Allan helped us improve public understanding about food allergies and get ground-breaking legislation – known as Sabrina's Law – passed to protect students at risk of anaphylaxis, the most serious form of an allergic reaction. And though it took more than a decade of advocating for change, the federal government finally enacted new food labelling regulations in 2012, making ingredient lists accurate and easier to understand for food-allergic consumers so that they could avoid foods which pose a risk to them. Allan was guiding us as we advocated publicly and met with government officials to get this law passed. In essence, Allan has helped to protect and improve upon the lives of millions.

## Recognition

The award will be announced by Food Allergy Canada during National Volunteer Week (April) and presented by the Executive Director and/or the Reynolds family at a time that is suitable for all.