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25th IODE RCMP Community Service Award 2018

Corporal John Robert Daisley
RCMP "D" Division, Cranberry Portage, Manitoba

Corporal Daisley is committed to the community of Cranberry Portage. With his wife Kim, he coaches soccer at Cranberry Portage Elementary School for kids aged 5-10. He is also assistant coach at Frontier Collegiate Institute; referee and basketball coach; helps with the Frontier Games; clearing and grooming cross country ski trails and receiving hockey equipment for the Hockey Academy. He applied to the Provincial Property Forfeiture Unit for hockey equipment because, in the first year of the academy, he noticed that many students could not play due to a lack of equipment as many are from isolated communities with disadvantaged backgrounds. His application was successful and provided ten sets of hockey equipment and a set of used goalie equipment. This program helps to develop team skills, more importantly, to positively solidify the relationships between the detachment and the students. He has organized a hockey game against the FCI team, in addition to current plans for a second annual game between the Hockey Academy members and the RCMP members from Manitoba Northern District.

Along with his wife, he has donated monies for a scholarship for a female Aboriginal graduate of FCI, pursuing post-secondary education. Corporal Daisley received the 2017 Physical and Health Educators of Manitoba Coalition Award for the above noted community service.

Cranberry Portage is a small community in Northern Manitoba with limited access to extra curricular activities and travel to other communities to attend events is a necessity. With only three members on staff, Corporal Daisley is frequently on call on days off and works shifts, making long days and frequent travel a necessity. Corporal Daisley encourages other members of staff to contribute to their community with provision of flexible working arrangements.

In his free time, he initiated a project to sell firewood to raise money, partnering with a troubled youth to split wood, which was then sold to members of the community. Proceeds from the sales provides a scholarship to a recipient of the 2018 graduating class of FCI. The youth has stayed out of trouble since the project was initiated.

Corporal Daisley plows snow for people after storms, including one who is in a wheelchair; with assistance from his family picks up and recycles many bags of garbage focusing on areas frequented by youth; volunteers as a judge at a chili and bannock cook off to raise money for a class trip; volunteers at CPI for younger grades at events such as Hallowe'en and Christmas parties; frequently visits and assists community elders helping with firewood and with renowned artist, Irvin Head; partnering with an FCI grad to shovel snow at the detachment; assisting and skiing in full uniform on the race course of the Frontier Games; has introduced DARE to CPE with Constable Barnes; ensures participation in Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the school and Legion and writes a column valued by the community in the local newspaper, dealing with serious issues with a humorous twist.

Corporal Daisley was nominated and selected to represent Manitoba and attend Remembrance Day services to honour veterans in Canada and the United States while showcasing the history of the RCMP in Las Vegas and Phoenix in November 2017. It was to be held at a Winnipeg Jets/Vegas Golden Knights and Arizona Coyotes Games but, unfortunately, was cancelled at the last minute and he was unable to attend.

We are honored to present Corporal Robert John Daisley the 25th IODE RCMP Community Service Award for his tireless commitment to his community and the youth of Cranberry Portage, Manitoba. He will use his award to further opportunities for youth sports at FCI, provide uniforms for the soccer team, expand the Hockey Academy to create a girl's team and support new participants by providing equipment to underprivileged youth.

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