

Camp A-OK and CLC Volunteers Honoured

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On June 19, 2007, the Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration held a ceremony and reception, honouring the most recent recipients of the Ontario Volunteer Award.

Among those honoured were members of the A-OK Camp Committee and the Autism Ontario (AO) – York Region Chapter Leadership Council (CLC) which is our local executive body.

Cindi Buick, Liz Cohen, Paul Kalmykow and Cenza Newton each received the 5 Year Award. Most are current Camp A-OK Committee members and all are long- standing past or present CLC members.

Paul is A-OK's Vice President, Camp Operations.

Lynda Beedham and Kathryn Everest were honoured with the 10 Year Award. They are past and current Camp A-OK Committee members respectively, as well as long- time CLC members.

Also recognized was Adrienne Razmov, the current Director of Camp A-OK. She received the Youth Award for volunteering, which includes the recognition of her ongoing work with our children during the non-Camp months. For several years, Adrienne has volunteered year- round, organizing social and recreational events for

children from the Autism Ontario – York Region family.

In May, Kathryn Everest was further recognized with the Council for Exceptional Children – York Chapter's "Parent Volunteer" award.

Heartfelt congratulations to each of you. Your hard work, perseverance and vision are the bedrock of services to kids and families living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder in York Region. Without your efforts, volunteer support and outreach to families in York Region would be greatly diminished; and there would be no Camp A-OK without you.

