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Parent Volunteer Honoured

(Winnipeg, May 01, 2015) – Prince Edward Community School volunteer, Marni McCluskey, was awarded the *Judy Aiken Memorial Award* by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) at its Annual Banquet on May 01, 2015 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre in Winnipeg.

Since 2007, Ms. McCluskey has served as a volunteer for both her Parent Advisory Council and school community in the River East Transcona School Division. Her volunteer work includes:

- Leading a school yard improvement project
- Organizing and coordinating a community tree planting day
- Researching grants and other funding opportunities for playground enhancement
- Participating actively in all aspects of the school community and parent council
- Inspiring others to be a part of positive change

“Marni gives so much of herself to improve the lives of many without expecting a thank you,” states husband and Prince Edward Community School Parent Advisory Council member, Preston McCluskey. “She always has time to say hi to everyone while she is out and makes you proud you live here.”

Recognition was also given to volunteers Suzanne St. Onge from Ecole Guyot and Tamara McCaffrey from Ecole Marie Anne Gaboury , both in the Louis Riel School Division, for being considered worthy candidates as well.

The Judy Aiken Memorial Award was established in 2004 to honour the memory of Judy Aiken - a long standing member of the Manitoba Home and School Parent Teacher Federation which later became MAPC. Ms. Aiken’s family and MAPC established the award to recognize exceptional individuals who, through their actions and efforts on behalf of their school parent associations, have made a significant contribution to their school community.

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils is dedicated to supporting, promoting, and enhancing meaningful involvement of parents and caregivers within school communities, representing their voice to all educational stakeholders to improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.

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