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DIANA CHAMPION VOLUNTEER

FOR GIVING TIME TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OTHERS

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DIANA ACTIVE CAMPAIGNER

Award Holder/Group Name: Meghan
Category: Diana Active Campaigner
Organisation: Fixers
Town: Winchester
Region: Northern Ireland

Most people know that alcohol abuse can cause health problems such as liver disease, but there are other complications associated with it too. Someone Meghan knows was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes after years of heavy drinking. This personal experience has inspired Meghan to help raise awareness and educate people about the potential risks of having too much sugar in their diet. She says, 'If people realise what is in their drinks, maybe they will think twice before choosing them. It is never too late for someone to make a difference to either their own life or someone else's.'

DIANA ANTI-BULLYING CHAMPION

Award Holder/Group Name: Malone College Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: Malone Integrated College
Town: Belfast
Region: Northern Ireland

Malone College Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have actively run activities with their peers in school. They meet every Tuesday lunchtime to have lunch and make plans. They are an enthusiastic group who want to be more visible in the school and be more involved with classes. They love going into classes, introducing themselves and reminding pupils that we are here for them. They are a committed group of young people who act as role models to the wider school community. They freely give of their time and their energy to help make their school a safer and more enjoyable place for everyone.

DIANA CHAMPION FUNDRAISER

Award Holder/Group Name: Nicole
Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser
Organisation: VOYPIC
Town: Belfast
Region: Northern Ireland

Nicole is an inspiration to young people everywhere. Despite potential set-backs in her own life, Nicole has used her strength, determination and positive mental attitude to not only turn her own life around but also the lives of others. To date she has raised hundreds of pounds for The Little Princess Trust, a charity which supports children with cancer. She has organised carwashes, church events and most recently chopping off all her hair off. This not only raised funds but also made 2 wigs for children who had suffered hair loss as a result of medical treatment. Nicole has a great 'get up and go' attitude and deserves to be recognised for everything she has achieved this year.

DIANA CHAMPION VOLUNTEER

Award Holder/Group Name: Aoife

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: St.Louises Comprehensive college

Town: Belfast

Region: Northern Ireland

Aoife is selfless young role model, devoted to making her personal life as "normal" as possible especially for the needs of her younger sister. Her father has been wheelchair bound for the last 12 months which has had a traumatic effect on the family. Aoife has dedicated all of her free time to help her mum with extra help in the house and as well as taking care of her younger sister. Aoife has made a definite impact on the lives of both her family who know that she has and continues to go over and beyond what is expected of her even while completing her A-Levels at school.

Award Holder/Group Name: Ballysillan Gymnastics Club Young Leaders

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Ballysillan Gymnastics Club

Town: Belfast

Region: Northern Ireland

Ballysillan Gymnastics Club Young Leaders are a group of senior gymnasts who volunteer their Saturdays to help coach the recreational gymnasts before training themselves. They volunteer every Saturday morning, planning and delivering lessons to recreational gymnasts and showing the younger gymnasts how to progress through gymnastics. Outside of gymnastics the Young Leaders volunteer at tea mornings, run raffles and organise hair and beauty days to raise money for the club and also provide support at British Gymnastics events. The group's passion for the sport continues to make a fantastic difference in the lives of those around them.

Award Holder/Group Name: Ciarrai

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: St. Louises Comprehensive College

Town: Belfast

Region: Northern Ireland

Cirrai is a true Champion Volunteer. She is a senior volunteer at her youth club supervising young children and helping them with whatever problems they have. Whether she is working with young children or delivering a researched presentation to adults she has the mature ability to tailor her communication to whichever person she is with. Ciarrai also did some fundraising with her local gaelic, bag packing in ASDA to help fundraise to raise money for the local community. She has given countless hours of her free time to her Youth Club and always makes herself available to help others or volunteer for a good cause.

Award Holder/Group Name: Senior Member volunteers Whitehead youth centre

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Whitehead youth centre

Town: Carrickfergus

Region: Northern Ireland

Mollie & Abby have been volunteering in the youth centre for the past 3 years since they were 14 years old. They have progressed through the youth centre as members and completed leadership training and become great role models for the other members in the centre. Both girls help the younger members in the centre with activities, crafts, games and homeworks. The girls have been reliable and hardworking and an integral part of the team! They have also both individually applied for and secured funding through the Education Authority to plan and run projects for young people in the centre. These girls are an asset to the team and fully deserve recognition.

Award Holder/Group Name: Shannon

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: St Louise's Comprehensive College

Town: Emily Turner 18

Lucy Ellerington

Region: Northern Ireland

Shannon started volunteering because she wanted to make a difference, both in her school and the wider community. Shannon went to Arad, Romania in the summer of 2014, volunteering in three different Centres for the disadvantaged - the Rainbow Centre, Crisis Centre and CP3. Here Shannon helped young people with severe disabilities communicate and interact. Shannon brought smiles and hugs and the children benefited hugely from her courageous and positive approach. In school she is an exceptional role model and a shining example to younger students on how they too, have the power to change the world.

Award Holder/Group Name: Gardening Club

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Cookstown Primary School

Town: Cookstown

Region: Northern Ireland

The Gardening Club at Cookstown has had a huge impact on the entire school. The group's volunteers give up their lunches and break times and stay after school weekly to care for the garden. The volunteers have also helped raise awareness about the environment and promoting a healthy life style with students bringing home fresh produce for healthy meals. On top of this they raise funds for the school by selling plants and flowers. The Gardening club work all year round even during the winter and the school staff are impressed they have found such a creative way to educate other school members about healthy eating, conservation and environmental issues.

Award Holder/Group Name:

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Newry and Mourne Carers

Town: Northern Ireland

Region: Northern Ireland

The young carers in this group have been caring for family members for over 3 years on a daily basis. Each young carer provides help and support in one way or another to help their family members who are unable to cope with day to day tasks. This could involve cleaning, providing medicine, cooking, self care, providing company or doing errands. These young people make an extraordinary difference to those they are caring for. They are incredible, strong, resilient and admirable young people who always approach life with a smile and their family members have all stated that they do not know what they would do without them helping and offering love and support.

DIANA COURAGOUS CITIZEN

Award Holder/Group Name: Victoria

Category: Diana Courageous Citizen

Organisation: Antrim Grammar School

Town: Antrim

Region: Northern Ireland

From singing to the Queen in June 2012, to fighting for her life just six months later, Victoria's life had changed drastically. Despite her diagnosis of a life-long, potentially life-threatening illness, she has shown determination beyond her years. From campaigning for a better emergency injection for sufferers of her illness to recording charity cd's, raising hundreds of pounds for charity, Victoria was never prepared to lie down to Addison's disease. Her courage in the face of diagnosis was, and continues to be, a blessing to her family but she knows nothing of the limits her illness should place on her.

Award Holder/Group Name: Jasmine

Category: Diana Courageous Citizen

Organisation: Cookstown Primary School

Town: Cookstown

Region: Northern Ireland

Jasmine's life was thrown into turmoil two years ago when her mum was suddenly diagnosed with a brain tumour. Her daily life became full of uncertainty, as she saw herself become a carer not only for her mum but for her severely autistic brother. As well as bringing great comfort to her mum during the illness, Jasmine also became her brother's voice, despite his limited speech, Jasmine always knew what he was trying to say and help keep him calm when feeling anxious, especially during hospital visits. Jasmine has demonstrated true courage and selflessness and is an inspiration to both her friends and family.

Award Holder/Group Name: Toni

Category: Diana Courageous Citizen

Organisation: Kinship Care NI

Town: Derry

Region: Northern Ireland

Toni is an exemplary young girl who has the ability to bring people together and support them in a way no one else can despite tragically losing her parents. Toni volunteers at Kinship Care NI, an organisation which supports children raised by relatives/family friends where she is a Youth Champion. Within this role, she shares her experience with other children who have experienced the loss of their parents. Although, life has been hard at times for Toni, she has gone on, courageously, to help other children in similar situations and is no doubt an inspiration in the eyes of everyone she meets.