

YMCA of Greater Montreal – past Peace Medal recipients

Youth (individuals)

1992 - Virginie Larivière, une jeune fille dont la vie familiale a été tragiquement bouleversée par l'assassinat de sa sœur, et qui a été reconnue pour avoir fait circuler une pétition contre la violence au Canada

2004 - Lisa LeRoy

Founded a “Youth In Action Group” in Montreal of “Free the Children”

2005 – Kimberly Evans

For her humanitarian work in Uganda and for raising awareness in Montreal of the plight of women in Afghanistan.

Youth (groups)

1987 -SAGE (Students Against Global Extermination)

For their work for peace

1990 - L'Association des étudiants de l'Ecole polytechnique de Montréal

For their response to the mass murders of young women at the University.

1996 - Quebec chapter of “Free the Children”

In recognition of the work of this Canadian children’s group against child labour

2003 - École Ludger-Duvernay

For their conflict resolution and mediation program by children for children

2005- SACOMSS (Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Student’s Society)

Student-run sexual assault centre that offers support for survivors, educational programs, discussion groups and takes a stand against discrimination and gender-based violence.

2005 – Contrastes

Using photographs from around the world, the youth organizers of Contrastes help school children to explore and discuss our differences as well as what we share with others.

Adult (individuals)

1989 - Joan Hadrill

For her work in building an Alliance of peace groups

1993 - André Drapeau

A diocesan Priest who founded Entraide Missionnaire

1994 - Father Ernie Schibli

For founding the Social Justice Committee

1997 – 10th Anniversary of the Peace Medals (each YMCA Centre chose a recipient)

Mary Goedike

A YMCA & elementary school volunteer recognized for her community work

Judith Berlyn

A long time Peace Activist in Montreal

Nerina Lafrance

For her establishment of a community restaurant, Resto Vie, to feed the disadvantaged.

Père Roland Demers

For his work with street children in the Phillipines

Pierre Méthot

For the clothes and toy collections he organized for the poor

Salma and Steve Soroka

For their work to end racism

Josée-Anne Desrochers

For her work to end gang violence.

Claudine Schirardin

For her community service as President of Citizen's Committee for Mile End.

1999 - Steve St-Louis

For his work with youth of many ethnic backgrounds in the Saint-Laurent area.

2000 – (Montreal YMCA 150th Anniversary year (several recipients chosen)

Oneyda Arias

For her volunteer community work

John Parker

An MUC police officer who helps the homeless and volunteers with children and youth

Roslyn MacGregor

Minister of the Church of the Ascension (Anglican) for her work in the Mile End community

Les McAuley

Honoured for his many years of volunteerism in the West Island of Montreal.

Sally Aitken

Community peace activist.

Egbert Gaye

For his volunteer service in NDG and Côte des Neiges

James Orbinski

Former Kamp Kanawana counselor and President of the International Council for Médecins sans frontières

2001 - Father Emmet Johns (" Pops ")

For his work with street kids in Montreal

2002 -Judith Cohen Lechter

Founder of “World Peace through Music”

2003 -Dilip Chowdhury

For his volunteer community work with the Bangladeshi community in Montreal

2004 - Elourdes Pierre

For initiating a unique exchange program, “Bouquet d’humanité”, twinning 13 québécoise students and their families with refugee families at Jardin Couvert.

Luck Mervil

An accomplished musician and actor for his work as an international artisan of peace

2005 – Father Claude Grou

As Director of Pastoral Services for St. Joseph’s Oratory, Father Grou brought people of all cultures together to take concrete actions towards building solidarity, peace and justice.

Adult (groups)

1991 - The Montreal Children's Hospital

For its specialized Multiculturalism Program

1995 - Women's Collective

Organizers of the Marche du pain et des roses

1997 – Bancroft Elementary School

For the contribution of staff and students to the YMCA’s Hands Up! project

L'Assemblée spirituelle des Baha'is de Saint-Laurent

For their community work towards world peace

1998 - Le Regroupement des Cuisines collectives du Québec

For their creation of Collective kitchens and for bringing women of Quebec and Peru together

2000 - Concertation Femmes

Five groups of women from Point-St.-Charles who work together for improving the community

Clowns sans frontières

For bringing joy to children worldwide, even in conflict and war zones

2001 - The Raging Grannies

For their “Granny” activism and creative outreach about war, peace and the environment

2002 - International Centre for Conflict Resolution and Mediation

For its Pacific Path mediation program for children and youth

2003 - Mond'Ami

For their educational peace program for students

2004 - L.O.V.E. (Leave Out Violence)

For its dedication to reducing violence in the lives of youth and their communities.

2005 – Montreal Dialogue Group

Founded by two women; a Jewish Israeli and a Muslim Palestinian, this group organizes dialogue and gatherings to bring together the Jewish and Palestinian communities of Montreal for greater understanding.