

AWARDS

ROSE HODGSON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Rose Hodgson Volunteer of the Year Award was created by Softball Canada in 2008, recognizing the life and contributions of Rose Hodgson, who passed away in 2007. Rose served as a Board member for Softball Canada for 9 years, and contributed selflessly to the betterment of softball at the local, provincial and national levels.

LINDA PETRIE from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, is the very first recipient of the Rose Hodgson Volunteer of the Year Award. In the year 2000, Linda became secretary and treasurer for Softball PEI, responsibilities she was already doing in her spare time. Linda has represented Softball PEI at five Annual General Meetings and numerous Provincial Tournaments, and was also on the host committees of the Canadian Senior Women's Fast Pitch Championships in 2002 and 2004. She is on the committee for the 2009 International Men's U-19 Softball Championship and the 2010 Canadian Senior Men's Fast Pitch Championship.

As a self-employed person, it is amazing how Linda manages to devote so many volunteer hours of planning and running the Softball PEI office, and her administrative skills have been instrumental in bringing the Learn to Play Program to PEI as well as establishing Softball PEI's website. She also offers strong support to host committees throughout the province for various tournaments. One of her strongest characteristics is her openness to communicate, either by answering questions or addressing concerns, keeping everyone up-to-date on a regular basis.

Linda's volunteering does not stop with Softball PEI, as she has been a volunteer at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown since it opened in 1982, and has also volunteered for the IWK Children's Hospital Telethon for over 10 years. These are just a select few examples of her volunteerism.