



The Debbie Nason Social Work in Health Care Award **Information sheet**

The Debbie Nason Award was created in 2003 in memory of a social worker who devoted her life to the profession of social work. Debbie graduated from the University of Toronto with her Masters in Social Work in 1980 after completing a BA at UNB in 1977. She began her social work career at the Doctor Everett Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton shortly afterwards. Debbie later became the Director of the Social Work Department and then assumed the position of Regional Director of Therapeutics, the position she held at the time of her death.

During her career, she built a comprehensive social work program at the hospital and worked diligently to have the profession of social work recognized in the health care field. Debbie represented her profession on numerous committees and boards and was one of the social workers who worked tirelessly to see that the new Act to Incorporate the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers which brought about self-regulation was proclaimed in 1988. In 1990, Debbie decided that it was time to revive the Dossier, the NBASW newsletter, and for over three years, she spent countless hours of volunteer time on this project. In addition, she chaired the By-Laws Committee for many years and she played a vital role in developing her professional association in many other significant ways.

The Award

The Debbie Nason Social Work in Health Care Award will consist of a plaque and will be presented by the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers at a time mutually convenient to the recipient and the Association. While the award is intended to be presented on a yearly basis, if a suitable recipient is not nominated, the award will not be presented in that year.

Eligibility and Criteria

The recipient will:

- Be or have been a member in good standing of the NBASW
- Have at least five (5) years of social work experience in the health care field (hospital, extra-mural, addictions, mental health)
- Have made a significant contribution to social work practice in the health care setting
- Have been involved in the community and/or in social action

Nomination requirements

- Nominations may be submitted from the social work community, colleagues, the general public or by the Board of the NBASW
- Nominations must be submitted using the proper Nomination Form and must be accompanied by the all required information and documentation as described on this Form
- Nomination forms are available from the NBASW office. Call 506-459-5595 or 1-877-495-5595, fax 506-457-1421, e-mail nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca, or write to the NBASW, P.O. Box 1533, Station A, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G2
- Nominations must be submitted to the Executive Director, NBASW, P.O. Box 1533, Station A, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G2 no later than **February 28** of each year



Selection of recipient

By December 31st of each year, the Board of Directors will appoint a panel whose responsibility it will be to recommend a name, from the nominees, to the Board. The panel will apply the selection criteria and a point system in making its selection and may verify the accuracy of the information provided in the nomination.

For more information, call the NBASW office – see numbers above.

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