

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Inclusion Awards and Scholarships Highlight Community Champions

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**(St. John's, NL—June 8, 2017)** The Coalition of Persons with Disabilities – NL announced seven awards this evening at the Annual General Meeting at the Holiday Inn St. John's Conference Centre.

Coalition Executive Director, Emily Christy, was impressed with the quality of scholarship applications and award nominations for both programs this year. "It is absolutely inspiring to see the work being done to help grow inclusive communities across Newfoundland and Labrador, from students with disabilities persevering and excelling in their studies and community involvement to hardworking individuals, businesses, organizations and media taking the lead as community champions to create a truly inclusive province for all."

Each year, the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities – NL presents four **Inclusion Awards** to highlight the important work being done by community champions across the province. This year's recipients included:

- **City Tire & Auto** - Inclusion Award (Business). *Sponsored by: Hebron*
- **Workplace NL** - Inclusion Award (Organization). *Sponsored by: Metrobus*
- **Edward Sawdon** - Inclusion Award (Individual). *Sponsored by: Newfoundland Power*
- **Julie Brocklehurst** - Inclusion Award (Media). *Sponsored by: Ellsworth Estates*

Each year, the Coalition provides **scholarship** opportunities to three outstanding high school students who self-identify as living with a disability and are entering post-secondary studies in the Fall. These scholarships are presented in partnership with Scotiabank and Husky Energy. This year's recipients were:

- **Shauna Bradbury** of Flatrock (COD-NL-Husky Energy Scholarship of \$1,250)
- **Michael Maher** of Grand Falls-Windsor (COD-NL-Husky Energy Scholarship of \$1,250)
- **Jennifer Lovell** of McIvers (COD-NL Scotiabank Scholarship of \$1,000)

"We give special thanks to our community sponsors for making these scholarships and awards - and well-deserved recognition - as well as for providing valuable support to the Coalition as we carry out our important work in this province," added Christy.

To learn more about the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities – NL, visit [www.codnl.ca](http://www.codnl.ca).

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