



YOUNG culture

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Oakville's three 2016 Ontario Junior Citizens

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Three Oakville youths have been recognized as 2016 Ontario Junior Citizens.

Sharon Lim and Jack Mogus are both finalists and Anastasia Drakos was nominated in the program, co-ordinated by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) for their outstanding achievements.

Sharon Lim

Lim is a well-rounded individual, working hard in school to maintain a 98 per cent average and dedicating her spare time to volunteer initiatives, which include tutoring students during lunch hours, being a camp counsellor and working with Habitat for Humanity. Lim is currently planning a local Children's Farmers Market, an event for talented youth to sell art and handmade crafts all by themselves. All of the profit raised will be donated to her local Children's Aid Society.

Jack Mogus

Whether visiting northern communities to deliver sports equipment or cleaning public areas of his hometown, Mogus is always ready to accept new challenges and find ways to help. In 2012, Mogus took the initiative to begin Change by YOUth, encouraging volunteerism and igniting positive change within his community. His organization has collected more than 2,000 pairs of skates and hockey equipment for First Nations schools. Jack



Sharon Lim

has even personally travelled to remote fly-in communities such as Cat Lake (Ojibway First Nation reserve approximately 180 kilometres northwest of Sioux Lookout in northwestern Ontario) and Wapekeka (an Oji-Cree First Nation reserve in Kenora District) to deliver some items.

Anastasia Drakos

Drakos has been an active member of the Hamilton community for several years. Last year, her family moved to Oakville and her



Jack Mogus

strong commitment to volunteerism led her to divide her time between organizations in both the Hamilton and Oakville communities.

In 2014, Drakos began her own charity called Pass It On where she collected gently used clothing for children and teens in need.

The Ontario Junior Citizen Awards are promoted through the 300 member newspapers of the OCNA, including *The Oakville Beaver*.

Nominations of eligible youths aged six to 17, are received through member community



Anastasia Drakos

newspapers committed to recognizing the outstanding leaders who are making a difference in their communities.

Nominees may be involved in community service; young people who are contributing to their community while living with a physical or psychological limitation; or individuals who have performed acts of heroism or bravery.

Candidates are also recognized for showing a commitment to making life better for others.

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