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QCGN Seeks Exceptional Individuals who Contribute to Vitality of English-Speaking Community

Montreal – April 20, 2015 – The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) is welcoming nominations of individuals who have gone above and beyond in contributing to the vitality and understanding of English-speaking Quebec for recognition with a Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award.

The award, which recognizes individuals who have contributed to strengthening the English-speaking community and to building bridges between Quebecers of different backgrounds, was established by the QCGN in 2009 to celebrate individuals who, like Dr. and Mrs. Goldbloom, have dedicated themselves to ensuring English-speaking Quebec remains a vibrant community within Quebec and Canada.

“For many decades Sheila and Victor Goldbloom have invested their many talents and skills for the advancement of the community,” commented QCGN board member Irene Tschernomor, who chairs the Goldbloom Awards jury. “They are truly models for the engaged citizen.”

Candidates for the award must have demonstrated leadership and commitment as a volunteer or as a professional in their chosen field of endeavour. Their contributions can be in any and all regions of Quebec, and in any field from business to academia; from youth to seniors; from health and social services to arts and culture; and any other area such as heritage, the environment and sports. The guiding principle is that these individuals have provided strong and effective leadership and succeeded in improving the quality life of English-speaking Quebecers and the broader society. Nominees must not presently hold political office.

As well as providing a short note to the judges explaining why you believe your candidate should be recognized, please provide a brief biography of the individual you are nominating and a list of his or her accomplishments and contributions to the community. Also include two concise testimonials from individuals or organizations that discuss the value and impact of your nominee's contributions to the community.

Winners will be selected by a panel of past winners and past judges who will consider the impact of the nominee's contributions as well as other factors including leadership, commitment, as well as the breadth and impact of their work. Decisions of the jury are final.

Recipients of the Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award will be presented with a trophy at a special community recognition ceremony hosted by the QCGN on October 8, 2015 at Montreal's St. James Club. The evening will be emceed by Sonali Karnick, host of All in a Weekend on CBC Radio and Our Montreal on CBC Television.

Submissions must be received by, or post-marked on July 31, 2015. Materials should be sent to: Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award, 1819 René-Lévesque West, Suite 400, Montreal (QC), H3H 2P5 or via email to info@qcgnc.ca

The Quebec Community Groups Network (www.qcgnc.ca) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together more than 40 English-language community organizations across Quebec. As a centre of evidence-based expertise and collective action it identifies, explores and addresses strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of the English-speaking community of Quebec and encourages dialogue and collaboration among its member organizations, individuals, community groups, institutions and leaders.

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