

# District Festival Volunteer Awards

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*

— Elizabeth Andrew, American author

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## Trena Wick – Estevan & District Music Festival



Trena has this to say about her time with the Estevan & District Music Festival:

“I have been volunteering for the EDMF for ten years. I started volunteering for a few sessions as secretary to the adjudicator when my children were in Music for Young Children, participating in the festival. I was soon promoted to a board member and took on the official title of secretary to the adjudicator, where I made a few changes and took on a little more for myself to lessen the load for some of our volunteers.

I believe in volunteering for our children’s activities because, without volunteers, we wouldn’t be able to accomplish what we do. I also believe that volunteering can lead us to find something we are passionate about. I know that once my daughter has made her way through the EDMF, I will continue volunteering with them for many years to come.

It has been an honour and privilege to work with this amazing group of people for this long.”

Trena thanks the Estevan & District Music Festival for this recognition.

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## Jeanne Fetsch – Yorkton Music Festival



In Jeanne's own words:

"I have been a member of the Yorkton Music Festival since my oldest children were very young, approximately thirty years. I began as a proof reader of festival entries and progressed a few years later to Recording Secretary, a job I held for many years. I was also the Senior Piano housing person for several years.

In 2019, I took the plunge and accepted the job of President, not knowing, of course, that Covid was lurking in the foreground. I held the President position for six years. Two of these years, 2021 and 2022, seemed like two or more years each, as we videoed every entry and uploaded the videos to an adjudicator, then downloaded the adjudication to the participants.....fun and games and a TON of work.....but we got through it without cancelling anything, while providing an opportunity for students who wanted to compete.

In my six years as President, I helped with the Adjudicator Secretary job, printing off all the certificates for the winning entries, as well as all the adjudication sheets. In my last year as President, I assumed all the duties of the Adjudicator Secretary, as well as those of Scholarship Chair, when I was unable to find someone to assume these roles.

I am grateful for all the work that all the executive members put in over these thirty years. My nine children have certainly benefited from being a part of the music festival, and they have grown musically and matured psychologically because of the festival. Every one of my children continue to play piano and enjoy playing and singing whenever they have the opportunity to make music together. My youngest son is pursuing a Music Major at the University of Brandon."

Jeanne is happy to see that the Yorkton Music Festival is in good hands and will be going strong through next year as Yorkton celebrates 100 years as a festival! What a remarkable milestone!

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## Karen Young – Yorkton Music Festival



The Yorkton community has enjoyed the privilege of a strong music program for many years, and Karen Young has enjoyed contributing to the success of the Yorkton Music Festival. Karen's five children all participated in the piano, band and choral disciplines of the festival. Her children's involvement began almost thirty years ago, and Karen found herself helping with doors and numbers and volunteering as Adjudicator's Secretary and Housing Chair. She joined the festival board eleven years ago and gave seven years as Treasurer. She is thankful for the privilege of working with such great people all through the years and grateful for this recognition. Karen now looks forward to her grandchildren being a part of the music community and supporting the festival.

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