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***Saint John YMCA-YWCA Seeking Nominations
from the Community for the Red Triangle Award***

Saint John, NB— The Saint John YMCA-YWCA is seeking nominations from the community to honour a deserving group or individual with the Red Triangle Award. Traditionally, awards are presented to recipients at a dinner, which is scheduled for May 25th at the Trade & Convention Centre. The Saint John YMCA-YWCA will also present a Young Leader to Watch Award. The Saint John YMCA-YWCA has been awarding the Red Triangle to members of the community since 1990. The first well deserving recipient was James A. MacMurray. Each successive year has seen the Saint John YMCA-YWCA bestow the Red Triangle Award to other distinguished recipients such as Philip W. Oland, C. William (Bill) Stanley, Dr. Edward Doherty, Lino J. Celeste and, in 2004, Patrick Darrah.

“It is extremely difficult to choose a Red Triangle Award recipient’ said Ron Lockhart, Chair of the Red Triangle Award Dinner and member of the Saint John YMCA-YWCA Board of Directors. “Because all the nominees are so worthy, it is hard to choose just one.”

In 2002, the Saint John YMCA-YWCA initiated a new distinction, the ‘Young Leader to Watch Award’. This award is presented to an individual of 35 years of age or less, who is a role model of skilled and enthusiastic leadership in an educational, family, career or community setting.

This award has been presented twice; Christopher Long received it in 2002 and Dale Knox in 2004.

The Red Triangle is associated with the Y movement since its inception. “The triangle stands, not for body or mind or spirit, but for the person as a whole” wrote Luther Gulick, the conceptual developer of the triangle. The recipients of both awards exemplify by deed and example the mission and values of the Saint John YMCA-YWCA.

The community is encouraged to submit their nominations for the 2005 Red Triangle Award and the Young Leader to Watch Award. A nomination package can be picked up at the Membership Services Desk of the Saint John YMCA-YWCA, 19-25 Hazen Avenue or call 634-4937 to have one mailed or faxed.

“The award represents the best of our community and is chosen by the community” stated Kent Staal, Acting Chief Executive Officer, “We are proud to present it year after year”

The Saint John YM-YWCA is a not-for-profit charity that has been in existence since 1854. Our ‘open door’ policy of not turning away anyone, regardless of their economic circumstance, has helped more than 600 youth in the past year. The Sponsored Membership program is made possible by the generous support of the United Way, foundations and grants as well as individual donations.

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