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## **Thirteen recipients receive Commissioner's Awards in Kugluktuk**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 20, 2015)** – The Honourable Edna Elias, Commissioner of Nunavut, awarded a total of thirteen bravery, volunteer and community service, and youth recognition awards during a ceremony in Kugluktuk, on April 8, 2015.

Bravery awards were given to two recipients: Wayne Magaknak and Calvin Pederson. In August of 2012, Wayne Magaknak and Calvin Pederson helped pull canoeists ashore after they had fallen into the river.

Volunteer and community awards were given to ten recipients: AJ Pigalak, and the “The Boys Downstairs” Gustin Adjun, Shawn Kuliktana, Dettrick Hala, Kevin Klengenber and Scotty Tologanak, Maria and Attila Csaba, Paul Williams and the late Nowyah Williams.

AJ Pigalak shares his special skills and takes leadership to promote healthy living through dance. “The Boys Downstairs”, a musical group made up of young musicians, play voluntarily for community events and festivities. Maria and Attila Csaba are dedicated to the students of Kugluktuk High School through coaching sports and promoting extracurricular activities. Paul Williams was recognized for his hard work for the well-being of the people. The late Nowyah Williams was also recognized and honoured for her valuable work and contribution to the people of Rankin Inlet. Her award was presented to her husband Paul Williams.

A youth recognition award was given to Helena Bolt. Helena has followed in her late mother's footsteps by teaching square dance within the community.

“It is very good to see youth being honoured,” said Commissioner Edna Elias. “Volunteerism needs to start at a young age. They, in turn, become and are role models”.

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