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2018 Manitoba Aboriginal Volunteer Awards

The Manitoba Aboriginal Sports & Recreation Council (MASRC) recognizes excellence by Aboriginal Volunteers for their personal commitment to development and dedication *to sport*.

Each year, up to one Aboriginal male and one Aboriginal female volunteer will be selected to receive the Manitoba Aboriginal Volunteer Award. They will be selected from nominations detailing: the activity the volunteer undertook, their impact on an individual person or group receiving help, perseverance in facing challenges or obstacles, and a summary indicating why they should receive the award.

This year the award will go to individuals who have volunteered in their communities for many years and were extremely busy in 2018.

The Manitoba Aboriginal Sports & Recreation Council is pleased to announce the recipients of the

2018 MANITOBA ABORIGINAL VOLUNTEER of the YEAR AWARDS:

Volunteer Award – Female

Marilyn Murdock

Fisher River (Koostetak)

Marilyn dedicates her time to the coordination of numerous sporting events in her community of Fisher River. For the last 10 years she has been an integral part of the Summer events for both canoe and York Boat. She does everything from gathering the people, making announcements, organizing teams, rallying more volunteers and every other coordinator responsibility you could possibly think of. She is so willing help to everyone in the community that as the season changes it is not unusual for Marilyn to be shuttling hockey players to and from practices. She has come to be known as a person you can always go to when you have questions about volunteerism for Sport and recreation in her community. Her dedication has inspired a sense of strength and pride in the community of Fisher River.

Volunteer Award - Male

Tristan Dreilich

(Metis) Gonor

Tristan volunteers much of his time to developing the skills of young aboriginal athletes in the sport of Volleyball. He has spent most of the year in 2018 working with Jayme Menzies in the process of dreaming up, developing and implementing a Volleyball program for female Indigenous athletes called Agoojin Volleyball, meaning “she hangs in the sky”. He has been a volunteer coach for NAIG in the past and will once again be assistant coach for Team Manitoba’s U-19 Female Volleyball Team at NAIG 2020. Tristan brings intention and compassion to all his interactions, he has the ability to meet people where they need both emotionally and spiritually. Tristan is always searching for ways to incorporate culture into everyday activities.