

Aurora Cultural Centre honoured for reporting

For several years, it has been a case of 'always the bridesmaid and never the bride' for the Aurora Cultural Centre, but last week the Centre finally caught the bouquet.

The Aurora Cultural Centre, which is located at the historic Church Street School, was a winner of the Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards. Hosted by the Queen's Centre for Governance, for the past seven years, the awards recognize Canada's best annual reports across the non-profit sector. According to organizers rules have since been expanded to allow national and international charities from coast to coast to enter the awards process if they have a 'significant presence in Ontario.'

This year, more than 140 charities were nominated with each winner receiving \$5,000.

The Aurora Cultural Centre received top prize for Ontario-based organizations with total revenues up to \$1 million.

Canadian Feed the Children took home top honours for International Organizations, while March of Dimes Canada took the nationals. Elsewhere in Ontario, Vita Community Living Services and Men's Sana Families for Mental Health were recognized for total revenues over \$10 million, while the United Way of Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington were saluted as an organization with revenues of over \$1 million to \$10 million.

'If you want to know who some of Canada's best charities are, then all you have to do is look at the Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards (VSRAs),' said George Boland, Associate Director of the CPA-Queen's Centre of Governance. 'We honour the best charity annual reporting. These are charities that have excelled at transparency and accountability.'

In a statement, Laura Schembri, Executive Director of the Centre, shared her excitement on receiving the award.

'I am thrilled that the best practices of our hardworking staff have been so publically celebrated,' she said. 'This is a ringing endorsement of the Centre's pursuit of excellence.'

The Aurora Cultural Centre has been previously recognized with 'honourable mentions' in their category by the organization.