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Dear Friends,

As the newly appointed Chair of the Manitoba Council on Aging, I am pleased to invite you to submit a nomination for the Manitoba Council on Aging Recognition Awards. These Awards showcase dedicated older Manitobans for their contributions to their community in addition to highlighting individuals of all ages whose endeavours improve the lives older Manitobans.

The Manitoba Council on Aging (MCA) provides advice to the Minister of Healthy Living, Seniors and Consumer Affairs on issues related to seniors. MCA members are a committed group of older adults who represent a cross-section of geographic, ethnic and community service backgrounds. Through the Recognition Awards, we are raising awareness of the continuing contributions of seniors and promoting understanding of aging in Manitoba.

The Recognition Awards are offered in three categories:

1. Senior volunteers who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities;
2. Volunteers of any age who have made extraordinary contributions to the lives of seniors; and
3. Intergenerational groups/initiatives that have made extraordinary contributions through activities that encourage and inspire interaction between younger and older generations.

We invite you to participate by submitting your nominations for the Manitoba Council on Aging awards by **Friday, September 13, 2013**. Enclosed for your convenience is a nomination form. If you require further information, please contact the Seniors and Healthy Aging office at 204-945-6565 or toll-free at 1-800-665-6565.

The Recognition Awards ceremony will be held at the Manitoba Legislative Building in October 2013. I look forward to joining the Minister of Healthy Living, Seniors and Consumer Affairs in honouring recipients at this prestigious event.

It is important to acknowledge that seniors are a vital and valuable part of our families, communities, and province. Thank you for taking the time to consider someone in your community for a Manitoba Council on Aging Recognition Award nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len Evans".

Len Evans, Chair
Manitoba Council on Aging