



North Cariboo Christian School Zacharias Community Service Award

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

The Zacharias Community Service Award was created to honour the Dave and Elizabeth Zacharias family who have been such a great blessing to NCCS for many years. The family has provided their personal time and resources to the school through keeping our grounds well maintained, creating hardscape changes that benefit the health and safety of our students and supporting a variety of our fundraising initiatives. They truly radiate God's love through Christian service.

This award is in recognition of any North Cariboo Christian school student who is clearly developing their understanding of what it means to be a *Disciple of Christ*. Christian community service is inspired by Jesus' teaching and example, extended to those who are in need or who suffer in any way, and offered in the spirit of human solidarity that reflects Jesus' statement that "whatever you do the least among you, you do it to me". Being a good neighbour refers to the teaching of Christ from the Book of Luke entitled "The Parable of the Good Samaritan", where we are called to be a good neighbour and help those in need.

The Zacharias Community Service award recipient can be found

- i. At an event benefitting the community
- ii. Supporting a not-for-profit agency
- iii. Promoting mentoring, tutoring, visiting, coaching by assisting others
- iv. Participating in local and global initiatives that bless those less fortunate
- v. Participating in environmental responsible initiatives
- vi. Participating in events and activities that provide positive influences to clubs, the arts, Christian organizations and community.

At North Cariboo Christian School, we see the opportunity for students to grow in their faith life. The following describes how the Zacharias Community Service Award honors a student who has made significant contributions to our local or global community through their time, actions, talents and dedication. The honoree selected should serve as a role model for compassion, and service and be striving to make the world a better place. They should have a passion for helping others in our community. It provides students with an opportunity to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ and puts into practice the social teaching of the Church. In order to gain the most out of community service, there should be an element of learning balanced with the serving aspect. By learning and serving all at the same time, one can improve their community and surroundings while learning life lessons and building character in ways that will help them to further impact the world in the future. Those characteristics reflected by the Christian nature of our humanity in not expecting more of people than is reasonable and not giving up on those that fail. Also, through grace and forgiveness in the community just as we rely on God's grace and forgiveness in our lives. Characteristics built on neighborly service, our actions arising from what we believe rather than for a need of approval and thanks which is a fundamental part of the Christian life in order to glorify God. Characterizing Hope, a hope for the Kingdom and what God has done for us through His son Jesus Christ. That hope that stirs us to Christ like action within our lives and our community.

Nominations should be made up to and including May 15th of a school year. Service work should be accomplished from July 1st to May 15th in a school year including summer activities.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, Matthew 25:35 (NIV)