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Local Environmental Champions Honoured

Coldwater, Ontario – The Severn Sound Environmental Association held its own version of the Oscars Friday night. The achievements of eight local individuals were highlighted at the Annual SSEA Environmental Champions Awards and Partners Reception. The March 24th event in Coldwater that attracted dignitaries from across the watershed, saw former SSEA Executive Director Keith Sherman honoured with the first ever Environmental Legacy Award for his lifetime commitment to improving the Severn Sound region.

“Keith was instrumental in garnering the resources that significantly contributed to the delisting of Severn Sound as an Area of Concern,” said SSEA Chair Steffen Walma. “That commitment and determination laid the groundwork that many of us including the rest of the evening’s award winners, continue to build upon.”

Other recipients included:

Volunteer Champion Award - Don Limoges and Alex Seaborn

Sustainability and Stewardship Champion Award - Cathy Tait and Kate Harries

Student Environmental Champion Award – Briana Figgures, Gabrielle Crate and Reagan Pharham

“All these winners demonstrated an amazing passion for improving the environmental health of not only our region, but beyond the watershed,” said SSEA Executive Director, Julie Cayley. “Their work is inspirational and makes me proud to know that there are so many people in Severn Sound working to reduce the environmental footprint and to protect our watershed for generations to come.”

The event also featured Dr. John Hartig, author of: *Great Lakes Champions* – a book highlighting those who have worked to restore aquatic ecosystems in the Great Lakes - including Keith Sherman in Severn Sound.

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