

# Celebrating successful entrepreneurs in Eastern PEI

by Stella Shepard

It was a spectacular night of celebration at the 12th Annual Business & Community Excellence Awards Banquet held at the Fortune Community Centre.

The Eastern PEI Chamber of Commerce (EPEICC) hosted the event, which recognized local businesses, entrepreneurs and community leaders. In attendance were the Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI, as well as provincial politicians, community leaders, and entrepreneurs.

“Entrepreneurs and community groups work tirelessly to advance their businesses and support their communities,” says **Lori MacGregor**, Executive Director of EPEICC.

“It is very important for Eastern PEI to be celebrated and recognized for the work they do. The business community here is thriving. We have so much to highlight in our communities, whether it is a new start-up or a long-standing business. We plan to continue to make Eastern PEI the number one location to do business.”

“This night would not have been possible without the financial contributions from our sponsors including the Credit Unions, Aspin Kemp & Associates, Community Business Development Corporation, Maritime Electric, Innovation PEI, MRSB, and the Department of Rural and Regional Development.”

For more information about Eastern PEI Chamber of Commerce, contact **Lori MacGregor**, Executive Director, at 902-838-3131. Visit [www.epeicc.ca](http://www.epeicc.ca)



The Business Excellence Award was presented to, left, Andy Milner, Owner of Bohemian Findings. The business is a leading online retailer which offers a wide selection of jewellery products to global customers. With more than eight years in business and 20,000 different items in stock, they are the #1 seller world-wide in the online Etsy Marketplace. The company, located in the St. Peters Bay Business Complex, has 23 employees. Paul MacNeil of the Souris Credit Union presented the award.



The Emerging Growth Potential Award was presented to Maritime Marzipan. Owners Jessica and Mike Fritz have established a solid wholesale customer base on and off-Island, and have a seasonal location at St. Peter's Landing they are expanding this year. They will also add a location in Charlottetown at the new Founders Hall Food Market. Presenting the award is Michelle Burge of MRSB, right.



The Employees of the Year Award was presented to Brenda Creed and Kimberly MacLennan, long-time employees with Inclusions East. They were recognized by their peers for outstanding performance in their work setting. Kimberly MacLennan accepted the award, which was presented by Shane MacDougall of Innovation PEI.



The Community Impact Award was presented to Souris Co-op. From left, Susan MacCormac, Board Secretary, David Fraser, Store Manager, and Mary MacCormac, Board President.



The Service Excellence Award was presented to the Morell Credit Union staff (from left) Charmain Murphy, Sherri Clark, Debbie MacKinnon, and Rose Quinn. Russell Compton, President of eastern PEI Chamber of Commerce, presented the award.

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## Hiring practices at long-term care facilities in West Prince, PEI

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There are two provincial long-term care facilities in West Prince.

The **Margaret Stewart Ellis Home** in O'Leary is a 40-bed long-term care facility with one respite bed.

**Maplewood Manor** in Alberton is a 48-bed long-term care facility with one respite bed.

### Staff titles at both locations include:

- Nurse Manager
- Clinical Resource Registered Nurse
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Resident Care Worker
- Clerical Staff: Scheduling, Financial, and Nursing Clerks
- Maintenance Staff: Generalists, Carpenters, Plumbers, and Electricians
- Cooks, Nutrition and Environmental Services Staff
- Occupational Therapist and OT Assistant

“Employees have the opportunity to advance to other positions and to increase or reduce the amount of hours they work,” says **Darlene Oakes**, Health PEI Administrator.

### Hiring needs

“We offer on-the-job placements for students in nursing, Resident Care Worker, and nutrition programs, as well as positions for students during the summer,” says Darlene.

“Our hiring needs are on-going, year-round. In particular, we are actively recruiting for Registered Nurses, which are difficult to fill.

“Job seekers should watch for postings at [www.gov.pe.ca/jobspei](http://www.gov.pe.ca/jobspei) because many opportunities come up throughout the year.”

### The best way to get your foot in the door

Darlene says the best way to get your foot in the door is to apply directly for a position listed on the website. “Many times people take a casual position to see if they like the work, and then move into temporary or permanent positions.

“People who would like to arrange job shadowing or informational interviews are welcome to telephone and speak with the manager of whatever department they are interested in.”

### Volunteering

“Volunteering is an option,” says Darlene. “Students of all ages come to our facility. School age children come in to read with the residents as part of an arrangement with local schools. Girl Guide meetings are held at each site, where some of our residents are honorary Girl Guide leaders.”

### Is there a need for bilingual staff?

“At this time we do not have positions that are labeled as bilingual,” says Darlene. “However, we continually look for ways to best serve our francophone residents, and we are open to expanding services.”

### Youth and Elders in Action Bursary program

This program helps high schools students gain bursary hours. “The residents really enjoy the interactions with these young people. We hope the experience is equally beneficial for the students.”

### For more information

**Margaret Stewart Ellis Home:** 902- 859-8750. To volunteer call 902-859-8755  
Visit [www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pe/margaret-stewart-ellis-home](http://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pe/margaret-stewart-ellis-home)

**Maplewood Manor:** 902- 853-8610. To volunteer, call 902- 853-8686 or 902-853-8686  
Visit [www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pe/maplewood-manor](http://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pe/maplewood-manor)

To apply to employment opportunities in long-term care facilities, visit [www.gov.pe.ca/jobspei](http://www.gov.pe.ca/jobspei)

For tips on applying for provincial government jobs, visit [www.employmentjourney.com/tips-applying-provincial-government/](http://www.employmentjourney.com/tips-applying-provincial-government/)



Margaret Stewart Ellis Home in O'Leary.



Maplewood Manor in Alberton. Submitted photos

