



Dear Friends:

As Her Majesty's representative in Nova Scotia, and as Honorary Patron of the Canadian Red Cross Nova Scotia Region, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner.

This evening we honour Mr. Melvin Boutilier with the 2013 Humanitarian Award for his dedication to offering hope and dignity to thousands of families and individuals in need. We also honour Ms. Cassidy Megan with the 2013 Young Humanitarian Award for her outstanding efforts to raise awareness of epilepsy in Canada and around the world. Their commitment to promoting the principles of cooperation, understanding and respect for each and every person has impacted the lives of thousands of people and contributed to a more caring, compassionate and respectful society.

Throughout Her remarkable reign, Her Majesty The Queen, Patron of the Canadian Red Cross, has encouraged us all to devote ourselves to the service of others. Mr. Boutilier and Ms. Cassidy Megan have certainly risen to the challenge outlined by our Sovereign. Their exceptional public service and humanitarian spirit are truly an inspiration to us all and deserving of our heartfelt praise.

I send my sincere congratulations to both recipients, and I wish you all a wonderful evening.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.J. Grant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brigadier-General The Hon. J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd)  
Lieutenant Governor

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