

## **Award of Excellence Recipients**

- 2001** – Chester Keenan, longtime volunteer
- 2002** – Mike Krois, bus transportation coordinator
- 2003** – Tom Ehle, Duluth police officer/Head of marathon security
- 2004** – Dan Russell, Executive Director of DECC
- 2005** – Gert Belsvick, spaghetti dinner coordinator
- 2006** – Marian Holmes, race packet pickup volunteer
- 2007** – Leah Hulst & Sandy Brennan, “Grandma,” the Grandma’s Marathon finish line mascot
- 2008** – Jeff Frey, official photographer
- 2009** – Sue Bussa, longtime medical tent captain
- 2010** – Spirit Mountain Ski Patrol, finish line medical team assistants
- 2011** – David Bridges, provider of finish line sound system
- 2012** – Chris & Stephanie LaFleur, racecourse services volunteers
- 2013** – Duane Madison
- 2014** – Gordy Anderson and Mike Persing
- 2015** – Upper Lakes Foods
- 2016** – Kathy Bauer, Verizon Wireless
- 2017** – Jeff Foster Trucking
- 2018** – Peter Kolar and David Solon: Kolar Toyota. Jim Kari: Kari Toyota.