

December 6, 2012

Norm Staunton  
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Dear Norm:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on being named one of the recipients of the Jim Hutchinson Volunteer of the Year Award from Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports.

I have the utmost respect and gratitude for any Vermonter who volunteers their time to any cause, be it helping a neighbor, working with children, or public service. But I have a special place in my heart for those who enhance opportunities for Vermonters with disabilities.

My father, a World War II veteran who lost both of his legs in the D-Day invasion, returned to Vermont in a wheelchair in 1945. He had to work hard for the rest of his life to adapt to a world that, especially at that time, was not designed to accommodate him. I admired his positive, can-do attitude, and grew up believing that the rest of us without disabilities should do whatever we can to make it easier for disabled Vermonters to see and experience what they can do, rather than what they can't.

Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports is an organization that shares this mission, and is very worthy of all of our support. You've given "above and beyond" to this important cause, and I thank you very much for your service.

Sincerely,

Phil Scott