

## **North York's Jane-Finch.com creator awarded Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers**

### **Paul Nguyen was one of 27 Toronto residents who received the medal**

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*Paul Nguyen, founder of Jane-Finch.com, with Mayor John Tory. Nguyen was awarded a Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers Thursday, Aug. 31 at City Hall. - Michael Nguyen/photo*

The creator of a website focused on showcasing positivity in the Jane Street and Finch Avenue area has another medal to add to his growing hardware collection.

Paul Nguyen was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers at a city hall ceremony Thursday, Aug. 31. Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Gov. Gen. David Johnston, presented the medals to 27 Toronto residents.

According to its website, the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians in a wide range of fields. As an official Canadian honour, it also pays tribute to the dedication and exemplary commitment of volunteers.

Nguyen, a York University film graduate and longtime resident of the North York corridor, launched jane-finch.com on March 13, 2004, as a way to bring positive attention to the area often portrayed negatively in the media.

He expanded the website to include art, poetry, neighbourhood history and short film links, all of which are submitted by local residents. There are also links to rap/hip hop videos by Jane and Finch artists.

In December, Nguyen was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

To nominate someone for the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers visit <https://caring.gg.ca/en/nomination>