

Diane Patenaude of Quebec honoured with David Simmonds Award



(Diane Patenaude & David Simmonds)

The **David Simmonds Parkinson's Leadership Award** is presented each year to a person who embodies the unique contribution and charisma of David Simmonds, the chairman of Parkinson Society Canada from 1999 to 2001, who through his exceptional vision, leadership, perseverance and commitment, redefined and strengthened the voice of those living with Parkinson's in Canada.

Diane Patenaude, this year's recipient, exemplifies these values. Diagnosed with Parkinson's at a young age, Diane has not let having PD slow her down. She has demonstrated extraordinary leadership skills as a member of PSQ and as the author of *  nous deux, Parkinson*, a book about living with Parkinson's. As a result, she has made a significant contribution to the lives of people living with Parkinson's across Canada.