

Investiture of Lifesaving Honours RESCUE COMMENDATION AWARD CITATION OCTOBER 14, 2022 | GOVERNMENT HOUSE | EDMONTON, AB

Reef Caulder

River's Edge Golf Club, Sheep River, Okotoks, AB - June 16, 2020

THE RESCUE COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE recognizes an outstanding rescue by a person who is not a Lifesaving Society award holder.

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On June 26, 2020, seven year old Rylan was swimming in calm waters next to the Riverbend Campground when his floatie was taken by the current. When Rylan went after his floatie, he was swept into the current and pulled into the fast-flowing waters of the Sheep River. As Rylan did not know how to swim, he struggled to stay above the water.

Reef, a golfer who had been participating in the Calgary Golfer's Association City Match Play at River's Edge Golf Club, heard screaming coming from the river. He made the quick decision to scale down the steep uneven cliff to the riverbank. Reef entered the water and waded waist deep, approximately forty feet, to where Rylan was clinging to a rock. Reef wrapped the shivering boy to warm him up before carrying him to shore where they awaited EMS assistance in helping them back up the side of the cliff.

For his quick response and outstanding effort, Reef Caulder is awarded the Rescue Commendation.