



CANADA'S HEROES

TIME CELEBRATES THE COUNTRY'S MOST
INTRIGUING AND INSPIRING CITIZENS AND THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATION

IT'S EASY TO FIND HEROES THIS SUMMER—AT LEAST ON THE SILVER screen. Bronzed Trojan warriors, wizards, masked crusaders, even a green ogre with odd ears. It takes some work to find flesh-and-blood heroes in our midst. So for Canada Day, TIME shines a spotlight on some of the remarkable people whose extraordinary efforts have affected our lives. The individuals featured in the following pages stepped up to meet the challenges of our day: SARS, forest fires, gang violence. Some, like Kelowna fire chief Gerry Zimmerman, Auditor General Sheila Fraser and Toronto's former chief medical officer Sheela Basrur, simply saw that as part of their job. Others, such as retired Lieut. General Roméo Dallaire and U.N. special envoy Stephen Lewis, felt compelled to act in the face of a dire global crisis. You may not agree with all their actions, but we hope our selections will help inspire and provoke a conversation about whom we admire and what makes a precious few of us larger than life.

—By Leigh Anne Williams