

# HUMANITARIAN

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## 2008 Humanitarian Award Recipient



Regis Duffy was born in Kinkora, Prince Edward Island. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Dunstan's University in 1953 and his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Fordham University in 1962. He returned to P.E.I. where he was appointed professor of chemistry and chair of the chemistry department at St. Dunstan's University. In 1969, he was chosen as the first Dean of Science at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI).

Regis is the founder and owner of Diagnostic Chemicals Limited (DCL). Established in 1970, DCL is a chemical manufacturing company engaged in the manufacture of active pharmaceutical ingredients, fine chemicals, enzymes and chemical reagents. With its headquarters on P.E.I., the company expanded into the United States and Mexico to eventually serve hospitals, clinics, and laboratories around the world. In 2007, DCL sold its diagnostic division and is now operating its chemical division under the name of BioVectra Inc. and employs more than 120 people.

After serving as chair of the UPEI Board of Governors from 1996 to 2006, Regis was named board chair emeritus in 2007 for his contributions as a board member and chair, and for his many years of service to the university. His many honours include being named a member of the Order of Canada and being inducted into the PEI Business Hall of Fame. He is the founding chair of the PEI BioAlliance, a leadership organization for the bioscience cluster, and he is a member of the NRC Institute for Marine Biosciences-Institute for Nutrisciences and Health (IMB-INH) Advisory Committee. In April 2008, a state-of-the-art bioscience and health research centre at UPEI was named the *Regis and Joan Duffy Research Centre* in honour of the well-known Island couple.

Regis has also been active in his community, serving as a member of the City of Charlottetown's council and as chair of its Finance Committee from 1989 to 1997.

Regis is married to Joan Murphy of Elmira, Prince Edward Island. They have three children and two grandchildren.