

2017 LIFELONG GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD



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JACK BOAN has been a leading figure in Saskatchewan's international development and global cooperation community since the early 1960s. Born in 1917 in Briercrest, Jack served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. From his base at the University of Regina where he was a senior professor in the Department of Economics, Jack has consistently contributed his time, talents, and money to various social justice and peace-building initiatives throughout the decades in areas such as food sovereignty

and agriculture, health and potable water, education and more.

Jack was instrumental in the founding of many of Saskatchewan's international development and cooperation agencies, including the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, the Regina campus groups of CUSO International and World University Service of Canada (WUSC) – where he led the group's activities for almost two decades – as well as the University of Regina Group for Refugees which works to sponsor refugees to Canada.

At the age of 99, Dr. Boan continues his active community involvement in the areas of health, aging, and international development, contributing his time and energy whenever he can towards mentoring young people interested in cross-cultural exchange.