



CELEBRATING VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS IN WATERLOO REGION

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From April 15 to 21, Volunteer Canada and (*your organization*) celebrate Canada's 12.7 million volunteers during National Volunteer Week (NVW).

National Volunteer Week is from April 15 - 21, 2018 Volunteer Canada, Volunteer Action Centre, United Way Waterloo Region Communities, and all our member organizations to recognize the 12.7 million volunteers that contribute their time and abilities to serving our communities across Canada.

In Waterloo Region 48% of the population over the age of 15 years contribute to make this community such a great place to live and work. The Volunteer Action Centre would like to thank every volunteer for their contribution to our community. From youth to seniors, in the arts or on the soccer field, volunteers are helping to ensure that Waterloo Region offers a full range of community programs and services. Every volunteer makes a difference!

Waterloo Region is fortunate to have so many great volunteers that we are eager to celebrate during National Volunteer Week. Whether these volunteers have volunteered for 30 years or have just started they have all made an incredible impact on our community!

On Thursday, April 19, 2018 our Centre will present, the **Annual Volunteer Impact Awards** to recognize inspiring individuals, organizations and businesses for their volunteer contributions. This year we celebrate the following individuals and/or groups that truly make a difference in Waterloo Region.

Caring Program Award

Freda Millar

Over the years Freda Millar has delivered over 7000 meals for Community Support Connections Meals on Wheels and more. The 'and more' tends to speak to Freda's volunteer efforts. Freda treats each and every person that she meets like they are her family and does everything in her power to make them laugh and to make them feel important and special.





Mentorship Award

Jill Strome

The success of the partnership between Langs and W. G. Davis school is much to be credited to the leadership and organizational direction of Mrs. Strome. She is well versed with Langs mission, vision, values and is a big advocate and supporter of our programs and services. This semester alone, 19 student volunteers have volunteered 5440 hours to support the Early Years programs of Langs thanks to Jill Strome.

Organizational Support Award

Barbara Duncan

With the Fairview Senior's Community and the Cambridge Library Barb Duncan works tirelessly to maintain and support their book exchange program. Whether researching book requests or organizing book sale, Barb is the driving force behind this library program for seniors.

Outstanding Youth Award

Chloe Jang

Chloe Jang is motivated to serve her community and she give back with energy and enthusiasm. A third-year biomedical student at the University of Waterloo, she volunteers with:

- University Gates Seniors Residence
- Grand River Hospital
- Association Supporting Children's Education Nurturing and Development (ASCEND)
- YMCA
- Margaret Avenue Public School
- New Canadian Ukulele Youth Band and
- Sanctuary Refugee Health Centre

Special Event Award

Marlene O'Brien

No task is off limits for Marlene O'Brien. If it needs to get done she will give it 100%. House of Friendship staff rely on the 'Marlene Effect' to provide support and creative problem solving for the Community Potato Lunch, The Golf Tournament and the Friendship Dinner.

Neighbour Award

Yvonne Hilker

Several scrap books attest that Yvonne Hilker epitomizes a Good Neighbour. At 86 years young she is currently volunteering in eight different roles in her senior's complex from friendly visiting to bingo calling she is inspiring others with her humor and commitment. She also volunteers with Golden Years Nursing Home and the Alzheimer Society.

Neighbour Award

Mamaye Yimegnuhal

The entire Sunnydale community would agree that Mamaye Yimegnuhal is an integral part of the community. She goes above and beyond in all of her work and is truly committed to being a "Good Neighbour". She is an advocate for those who are not able to advocate for themselves and strives to create a community that is welcoming for everyone.





Multicultural Award

Community Coalition on Refugee and Immigrant Concerns

Waterloo Region is an inclusive, welcoming community and CCORIC contributes to this spirit of diversity and inclusion. A volunteer-based grassroots group composed of representatives from local immigrant and refugee serving agencies, faith group members, immigrants and refugees, and community members CCORIC has held forums on mental health, the need for trained interpreters in healthcare settings, family reunification, and the need for timely accreditation of internationally trained professionals.

Board of Directors Award

Cambridge & North Dumfries Community Foundation

Each year, the Board of Directors of the Cambridge & North Dumfries Community Foundation sets a growth target and for the past eight years, they have not only reached their targets, but they have surpassed them. But what is even more notable, commendable and inspiring, is that as individuals, the Board Members of the Foundation invest a huge amount of time in the community on behalf of the Foundation. They are truly the community champions.

Committee Award

Professional Advisory Committee

Bereaved Families of Ontario – Midwestern Region is fortunate to have a Professional Advisory Committee which provides guidance and expertise on program development and delivery. The skills and commitment of this advisory assists in decision making about program direction that have clearly led stronger programs supporting more families in our communities.

Group Engagement Award

Menno S. Martin Contractor Ltd.

Putting people first is not just a catch phrase for this Menno S Martin contractor Ltd., it's a way of life. From supporting staff to donate funds and time to giving each employee \$75 to conduct random acts of kindness, Menno S Martin acts its values. In 2017 they also built fencing to provide private outdoor spaces for people transitioning out of House of Friendship addiction treatment programs.

Leadership Award

Chuck Snider

Among his many roles as Chair of the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Volunteer Association, Chuck Snider has provided leadership for the operation of three businesses; The Red Poppy Gift Shop (on site gift shop), The Recovery Room (a thrift shop located in downtown Galt) and the ever-popular on-site Tim Hortons. In addition, he has been a key player in fundraising and board restructuring and has also made time for regular volunteer shifts in the Diagnostic Imaging Department.

Volunteer Manager Award

Janine Armstrong

In Janine Armstrong's term as Manager of Volunteers with Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region she has positively impacted thousands of individuals. Her ability to engage not only the conventional volunteer base, but to promote inclusiveness is inspiring. She has created numerous strong community partnerships with co-op students, community service individuals, retirees, individuals with disabilities, and teams. Recently, Janine was featured in a newspaper article for her role in integrating inmates from Grand Valley Institution for Women into our volunteer program and she will soon be working closely with McMaster students to create supports for volunteers with accessibility issues.





Volunteer Impact Award **Trevor Bauman**

Thanks to Trevor Bauman's behind the scenes support, over 4000 Christmas food hampers get delivered to people in need in the Waterloo Region each year. At one of the busiest times of the year, he takes over a week's vacation from his full-time job in order to volunteer with House of Friendship. For 36 years Trevor has been involved with the Christmas Hamper program and for 26 years his leadership has been invaluable.

VOLUNTEER IMPACT AWARD RECIPIENTS 2018		
CATEGORY	NOMINEE NAME	ORGANIZATION
INDIVIDUAL INVOLVEMENT:		
Caring Program Award	Freda Millar	Community Support Connections – Meals on Wheels and More
Mentorship Award	Jill Strome	Langs
Organization Support Award	Barbara Duncan	Fairview Seniors Community
Outstanding Youth Award	Chloe Jang	University of Waterloo
Special Event	Marlene O'Brien	House of Friendship
GRASSROOTS:		
Neighbour Award	Mamaye Yimegnuhal	House of Friendship
Neighbour Award	Yvonne Hilker	Friendly Visiting Program of Cambridge
Multicultural Award	CCORIC	Kitchener Downtown Community Health Centre
GROUP INVOLVEMENT:		
Board Award	Board of Directors	Cambridge & North Dumfries Community Foundation
Committee Award	Professional Advisory Committee	Bereaved Families of Ontario – Midwestern Region
Group Engagement Award	Menno S. Martin - Trent Bauman	House of Friendship
LEADERSHIP:		
Outstanding Leadership Award	Chuck Snider	Cambridge Memorial Hospital
Volunteer Manager Award	Janine Armstrong	Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region
VOLUNTEER IMPACT AWARD	Trevor Bauman	House of Friendship

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