

First Inspire Awards presented to community members

THE RECIPIENTS: The 2015 Inspire Award recipients pictured at front, from left, are: Cathy Ireland, Shelley Phipps, Wendy Farrow-Reed, Lynn Boyd. Back row: Marie Carney, Ryan Carney, Lee Martin, Mike Boyd. The awards are given to individuals or community groups who have made a positive impact on local healthcare.

Photo by Eamonn Maher



The inaugural Inspire Awards were presented to members of the local community last month at the Georgetown Hospital Foundation's Donor Appreciation Reception at The Club at North Halton.

The awards are given to individuals or community groups who have made a positive impact on local healthcare.

In its first year, there were eight award recipients:

- Shelley Phipps — Founding member of the GHF Board of Directors and was the Development Committee chair until stepping down in 2014.

- Georgetown Cruise Nights (accepted by Mike & Lynn Boyd) — For more than 15 years, the weekly Thursday night gathering of Classic Car enthusiasts has raised approximately \$35,000 through sponsors, 50/50 draws and sales of pizza slices.

- The Lambert Family Christmas display on Johnson Cres. (presented to Kathy & Darryl Lambert) is about to celebrate its seventh year, consisting of more than 45,000 lights and close to \$50,000 raised for

the foundation in part through donations from the public.

- Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Assoc. (received by Marie Carney) has held many bake sales, raffles, quilt draws and poinsettia sales to support the foundation.

- Cathy Ireland — The leader of Team RBC for the Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital, she hosts the annual In Memory of Chris Ireland Golf Tournament foundation fundraiser in tribute to her son.

- The Community Bike Challenge (accepted by Ryan Carney) was hosted by the Bicycle Friendly Community Committee and inspired more than 1,000 cyclists to donate their kilometres in support of the GHF to the tune of \$62,500 this year.

- Georgetown Rock n' Rolln' Classics (recipients Lee Martin & Wendy Farrow-Reed) has generated \$43,000 for the GHF over the past 15 years. Martin recently retired from hosting the event since its inception and has been taken over by the Georgetown BIA, which is managed by Farrow-Reed.

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