

# CLASS of 2016

## BUILDER: CAROLE MURRAY



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To say Carole Murray made a splash on the local swimming scene would be a staggering understatement.

Already teaching many neighbouring children at her rural home pool when recruited by the Town of Milton to take over instruction in the mid-1970s, she began with an initial class of 20 students at E.C. Drury High School.

By year's end, that number had swelled to 120 — and

would just keep growing. "It just got bigger and bigger and bigger," recalled 'Coach Carole', whom thousands of Miltonians have to thank for learning a vital life lesson. Among those were children with autism or other special needs. "It was very gratifying; I always related well with children. I'd have some students who said 'I can't (do it), but I'd always say 'Yes, you can.'" Under Murray's leadership, the competitive team would enjoy plenty of grassroots level success — laying the groundwork for the provincial and national prosperity now seen from the Marlins. Her coaching era would include winning the Bell Canada championship trophy three years in a row in Midland, as well as a competitive trip to Barbados

and then hosting that country's young swimmers. Murray also established and coached the Milton Masters squad for 25-and-older competitors, who've excelled on both the national and international stages. Her overall dedication to the sport, which spanned nearly four decades, earned her the Medal for Coach during the 1988 Calgary Olympics' Celebration 88 Medal presentations. Murray's strong sense of community greatly benefited such organizations as the Heart & Stroke Foundation and the local hospital's expansion in 1984. Eager to contribute to that project, Murray and her students committed to a 10,000-lap swim-a-thon — with numerous swimmers going well beyond their initial expectations.

# Holidays

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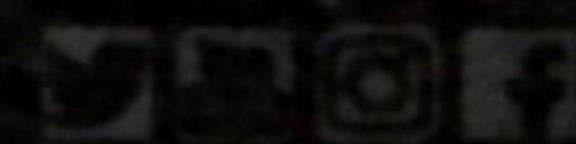
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