

# Citizen of the year too busy for bows

Grant Marshall of Marshall Funeral Homes may be Richmond Hill's corporate citizen of the year, but he's too busy volunteering to slow down and take his bows.

"Right now I'm involved with distributing Christmas baskets to some people who should be needing them about now," Marshall said.

A member of the Richmond Hill Lion's Club, Marshall also sits on a committee for York Central Hospital and is past-president of the Victorian Order of Nurses of York Region. He was recently recognized by the Chamber of Commerce for both his professional work and his volunteer time.

Marshall's funeral home first opened in 1876 and has been run by Marshall since 1966.

Marshall, along with representatives of other service clubs in the area, come together each Christmas to co-ordinate the distribution of holiday hampers, which include food and small gifts for needy families.

"This year we think we'll be giving out about 40 or 50 baskets," he said. "We emphasize the food and certainly we do think of a small gift for the children."

Needy families can contact the Richmond Hill Community food bank to have their name put on a list.

"The families are expecting us and by this time of year a lot of them are really counting on us to come to the door," Marshall said.

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