

Gagnon, Ginette

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Earl Johns, chair of the organization and Detachment Commander of the Quinte West OPP, says C.C.A.R.E.S. volunteers make a huge difference for emergency services personnel.

"Knowing you are leaving people in good hands with well-trained volunteers and knowing the victims are well looked after is very satisfying," says Johns. "In many cases they handle crisis better than the police do. The guys who wear the uniforms are human too."

Ginette says working with C.C.A.R.E.S. is very interesting and rewarding.

"There are a lot of people in need," she says. "It amazes me, there are a lot of people by themselves with no one to help and no one to call."

She says the fact that you can actually give something to someone is one of the best parts of the job. "You can work in an office all day and not feel like you've really done anything, with this you know right away you're doing something and people are thankful," she says adding, "I just want to take them all home with me."

Lisa Warriner, Executive Director of C.C.A.R.E.S., says, "We're proud of her and we couldn't have a better volunteer." and Executive Assistant Sally Fremr, a former recipient of the award, says Ginette always makes herself available even if she isn't on call,



■ Ginette Gagnon was presented with the C.C.A.R.E.S. Victim Assistance Volunteer of the Year Award for over 2,500 hours of service. The award was presented last week at the Corby River Inn. Pictured from left to right are Executive Director of C.C.A.R.E.S. Lisa Warriner, Gagnon, and C.C.A.R.E.S. Executive Assistant Sally Fremr, a past recipient of the award.

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which she adds isn't very often.

The Volunteer of the Year Award honours extraordinary C.C.A.R.E.S. volunteers who serve the counties of Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox & Addington. In November, the service gathers all the hours' volunteers donate and calculates who has given the most time for the calendar year. C.C.A.R.E.S. volunteers donate over 12,499 hours annually. Ginette was presented with her award at the third annual Volunteer Awards held November 29 at the Corby River Inn.

C.C.A.R.E.S. Victim Assistance will

honor Ginette Gagnon and all our volunteers at a special recognition event November 29th at 6 p.m. at the River Inn in Corbyville.

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