

# Stirling doctor gets

*Briggs, Dr. Peter*

# humanitarian award



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**Dr. Peter Briggs (right) with Stirling Manor resident Gena Spry.**

## *Dr. Peter Briggs honoured by RCAF 418 Wing*

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Long-time Stirling physician Dr. Peter Briggs was honoured Thursday night with RCAF Association 418 Wing's Dr. Williamson Humanitarian Award.

Dr. Harold Williamson's widow, Dr. Evelyn Williamson, a representative of the mayor's office, the fire chief and police chief, sit on the committee that chooses the award winner, said 418 Wing second vice-president Kenny Chambers.

This year, Dr. Eugene Manderville nominated Dr. Briggs for the award, said Chambers.

Dr. Briggs has been a physician in Stirling since 1960 and was the only doctor there for many years. He is retiring next month, but will continue to tend to his patients at the Stirling Manor and will assist other doctors in the area on occasion.

"I'll be here to help out," he said while at the Manor earlier this week to see some patients. He's been the physician for the manor since it was constructed in 1969.

Asked specifically about the award, which he had been unfamiliar with, he said, "I think it's an honour that I really appreciate very much."

He was presented with a plaque at 418 Wing Association on Vermilyea Road by Dr. Evelyn Williamson. The guest speaker was Brig.-Gen. (Ret.) Ron Button.

Dr. Williamson was an orthopedic surgeon who was instrumental in forming the Children's Treatment Centre at Belleville General Hospital. He served in the RCAF during the Second World War as a Lancaster pilot and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. Dr. Williamson was a long-time member of the RCAF Association. He died Nov. 29, 1979 and the first Humanitarian Award was presented in 1981, to Al Parkhurst, for his work with the Lions Club, the purpose of the award is to honour someone who is dedicated to the welfare of others.